



NATICK HIGH SCHOOL
NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS

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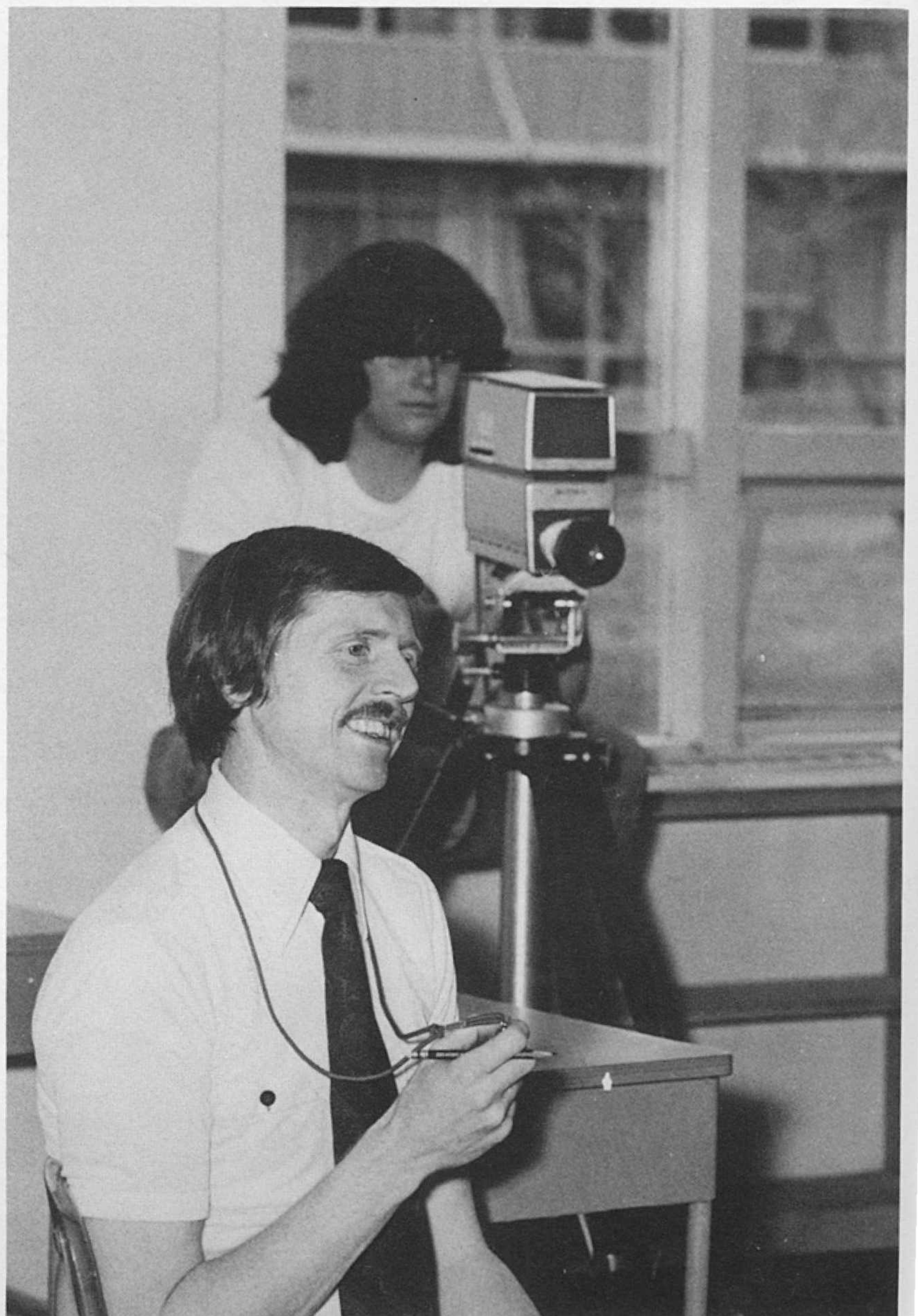
We, the seniors of Natick High School, proudly dedicate our Sassamon yearbook to Mr. William Holbrook.

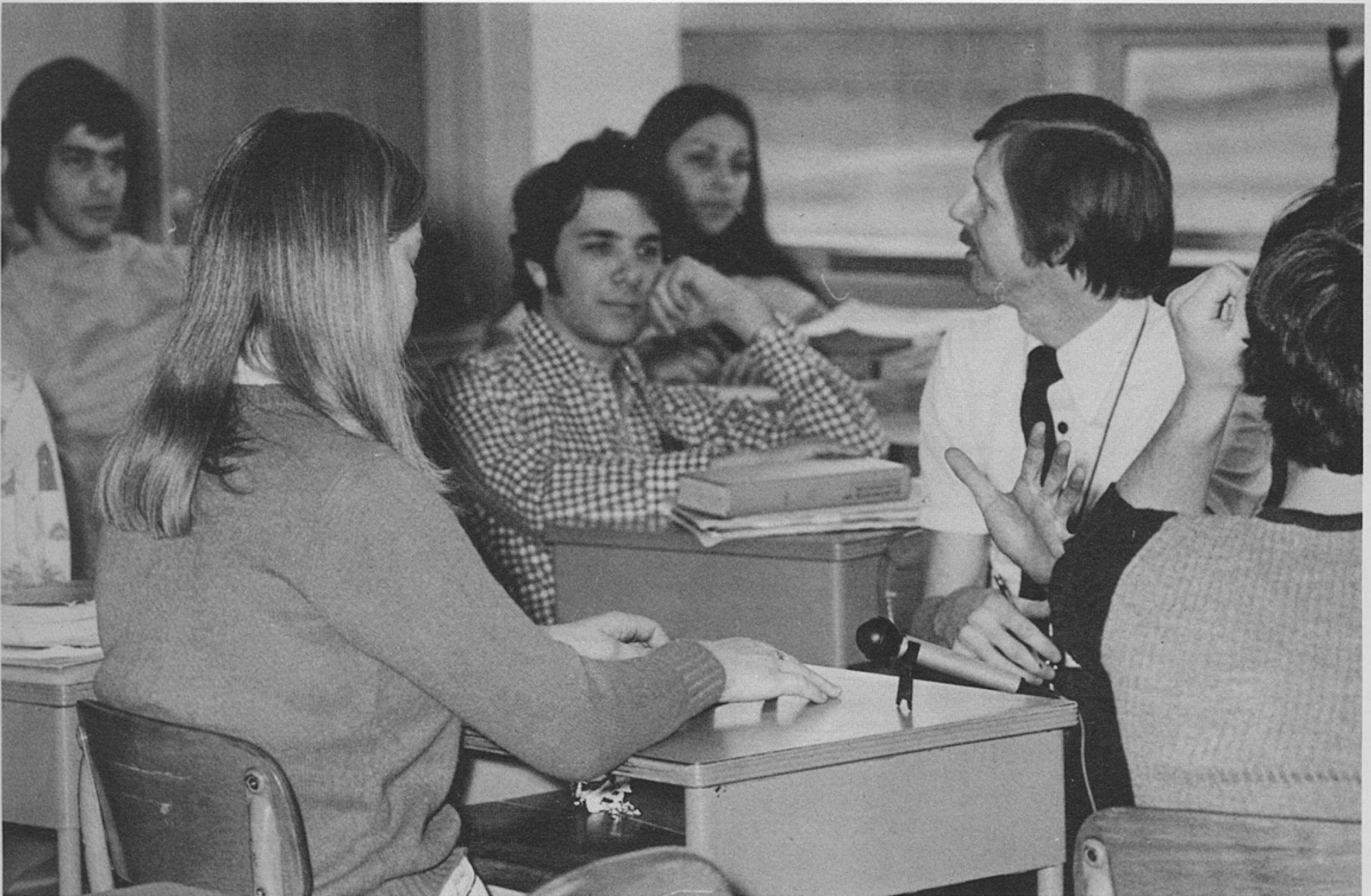
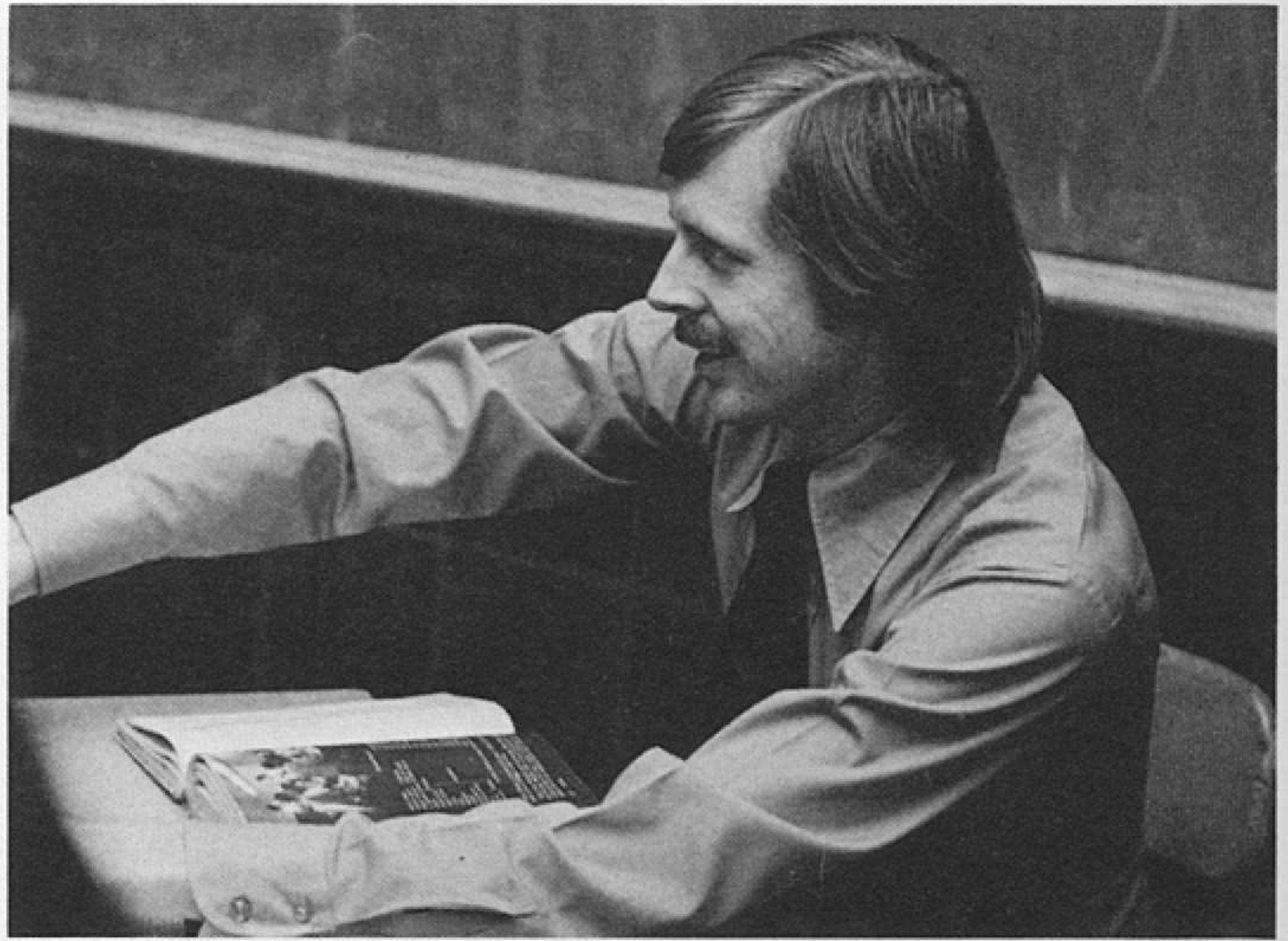
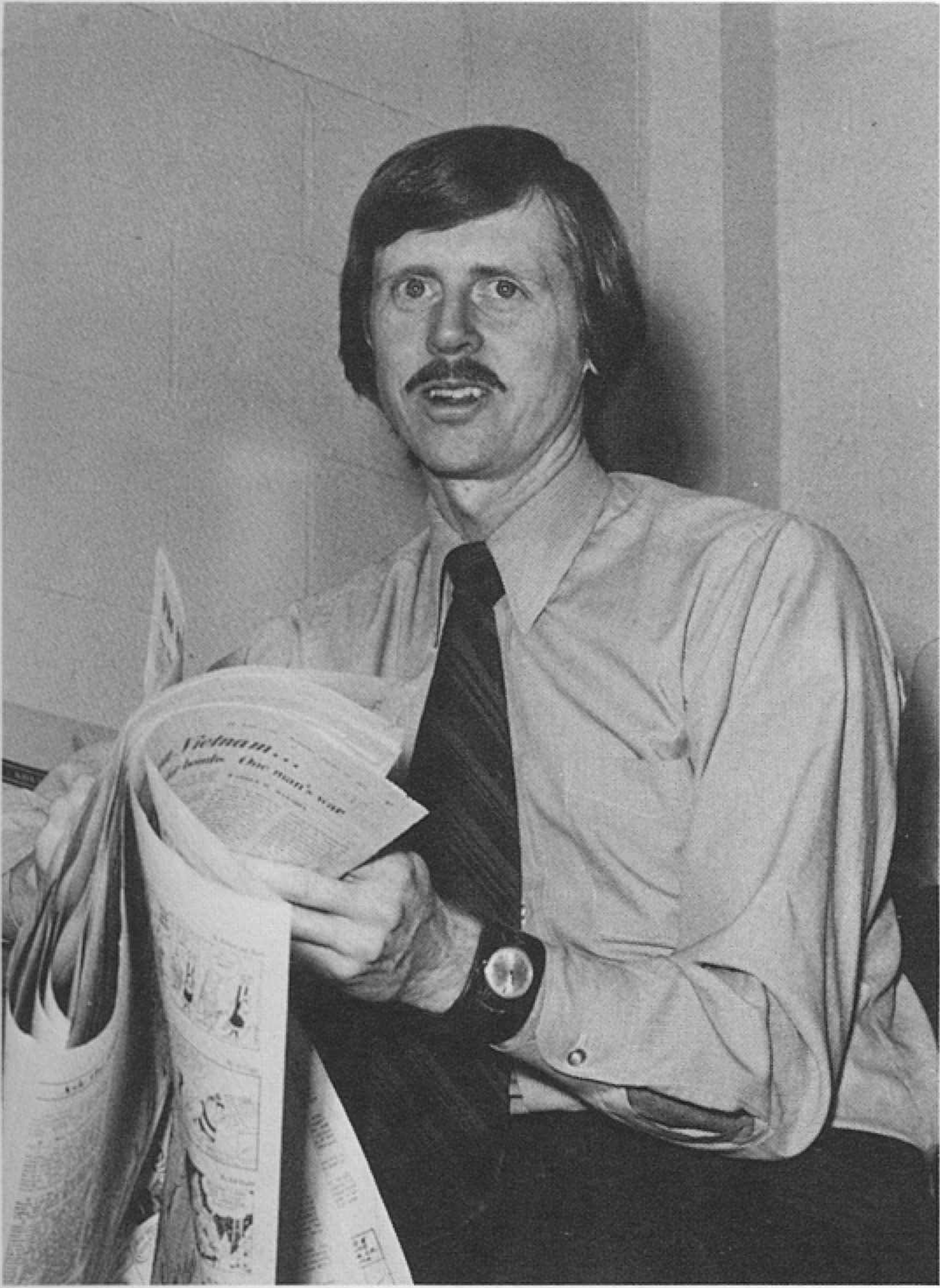
At some time or another during our three years at Natick High, each and everyone of us has come into either personal or indirect contact with Mr. Holbrook.

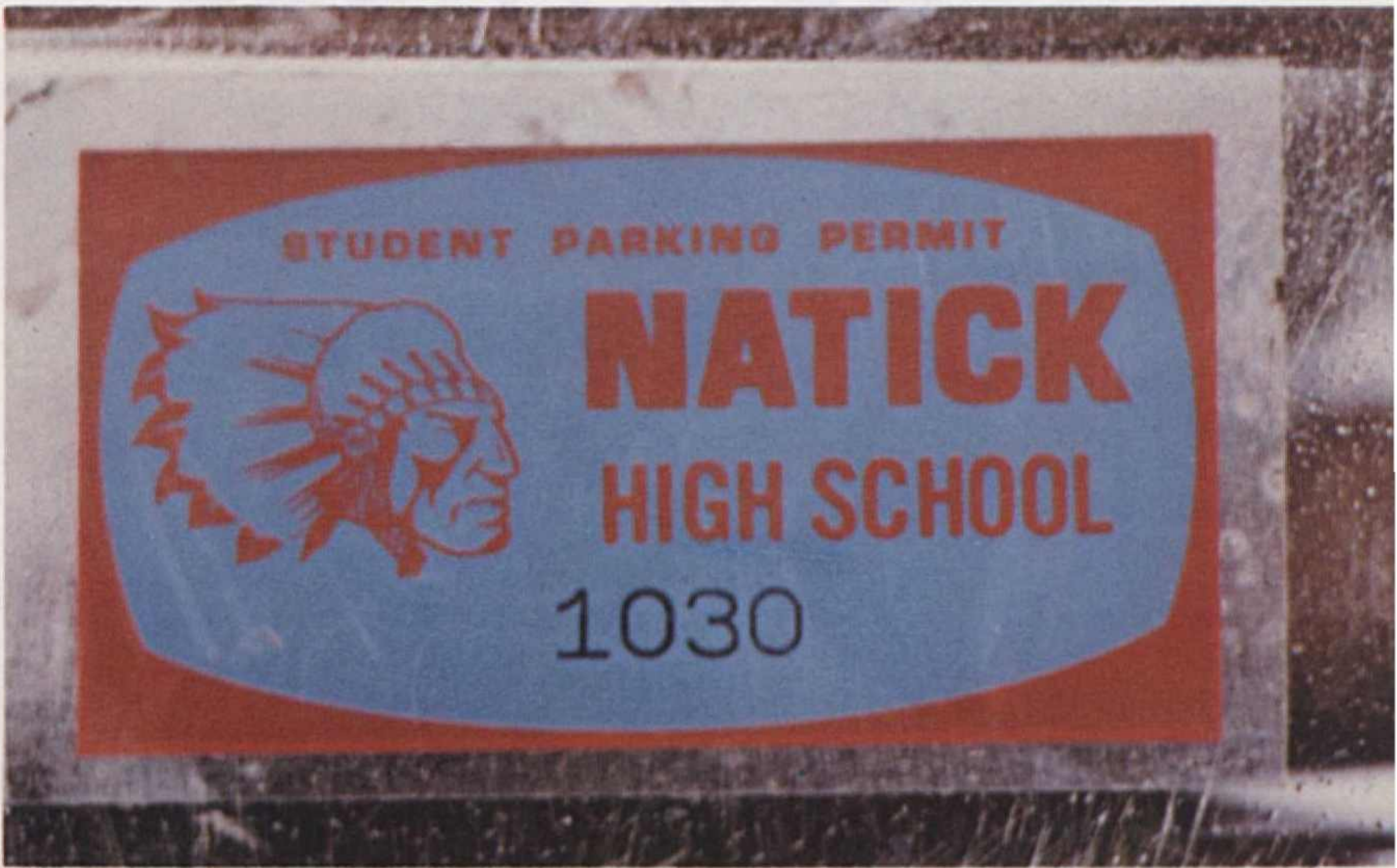
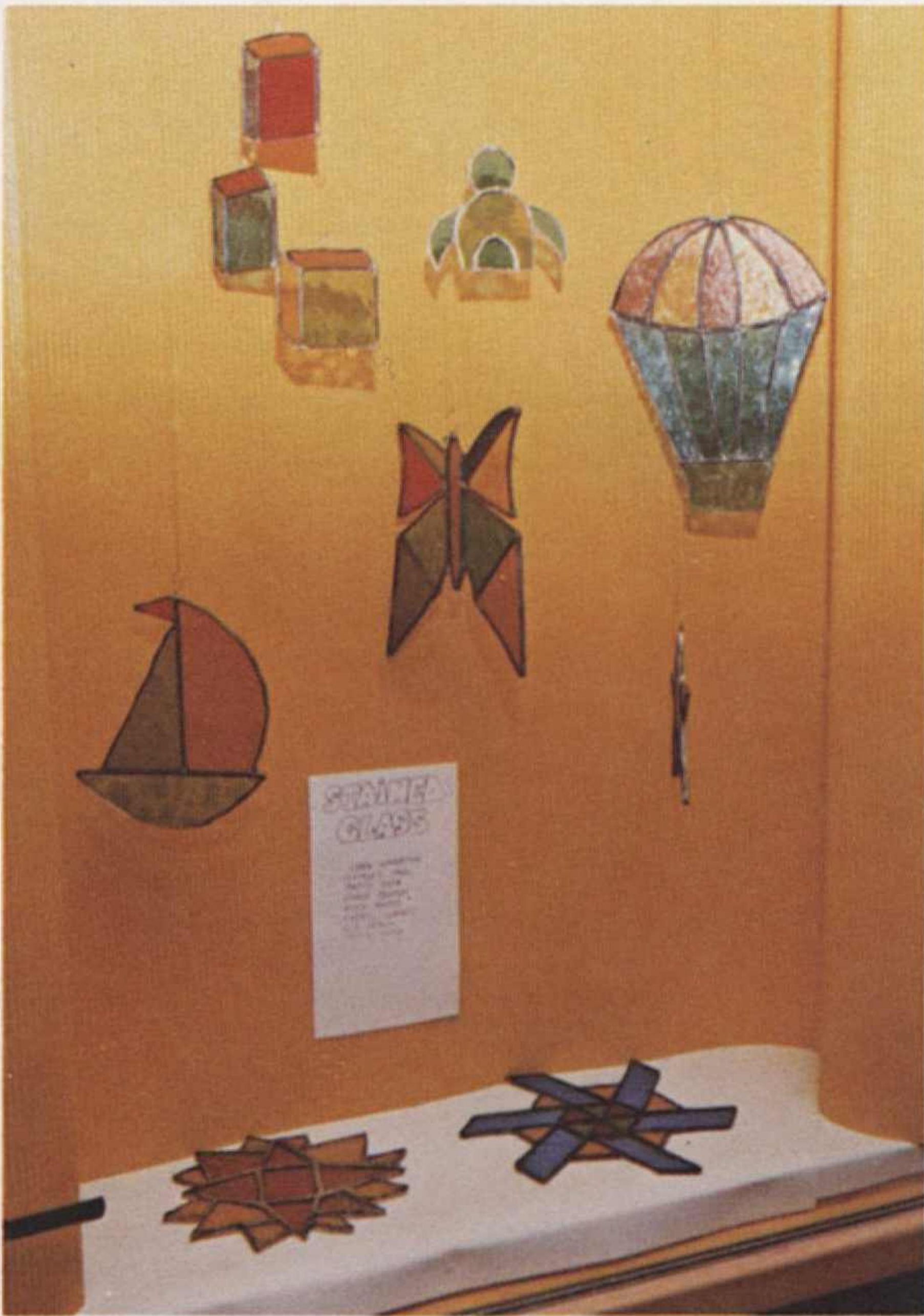
Mr. Holbrook has been a great help to all of the Natick High students whether we know it or not. Mr. Holbrook is the faculty advisor to the school newspaper, The Sassamon. Most of his time, however, is spent in the English department teaching Journalism and Creative Writing. His quick wit and sincere devotion to his students keep them actively interested in the pursuit of their studies. This year he was appointed Director of the Natick Adult Education Program. Never before has this program run so successfully.

During our three years here, Mr. Holbrook's sense of humor has made dark times bright, his educational knowledge has made difficult things easy to understand, and his just being here has made hard times bearable. So in our small way we of the class of 1976 say, "Thank you" to Mr. William Holbrook.

Greg Lakis

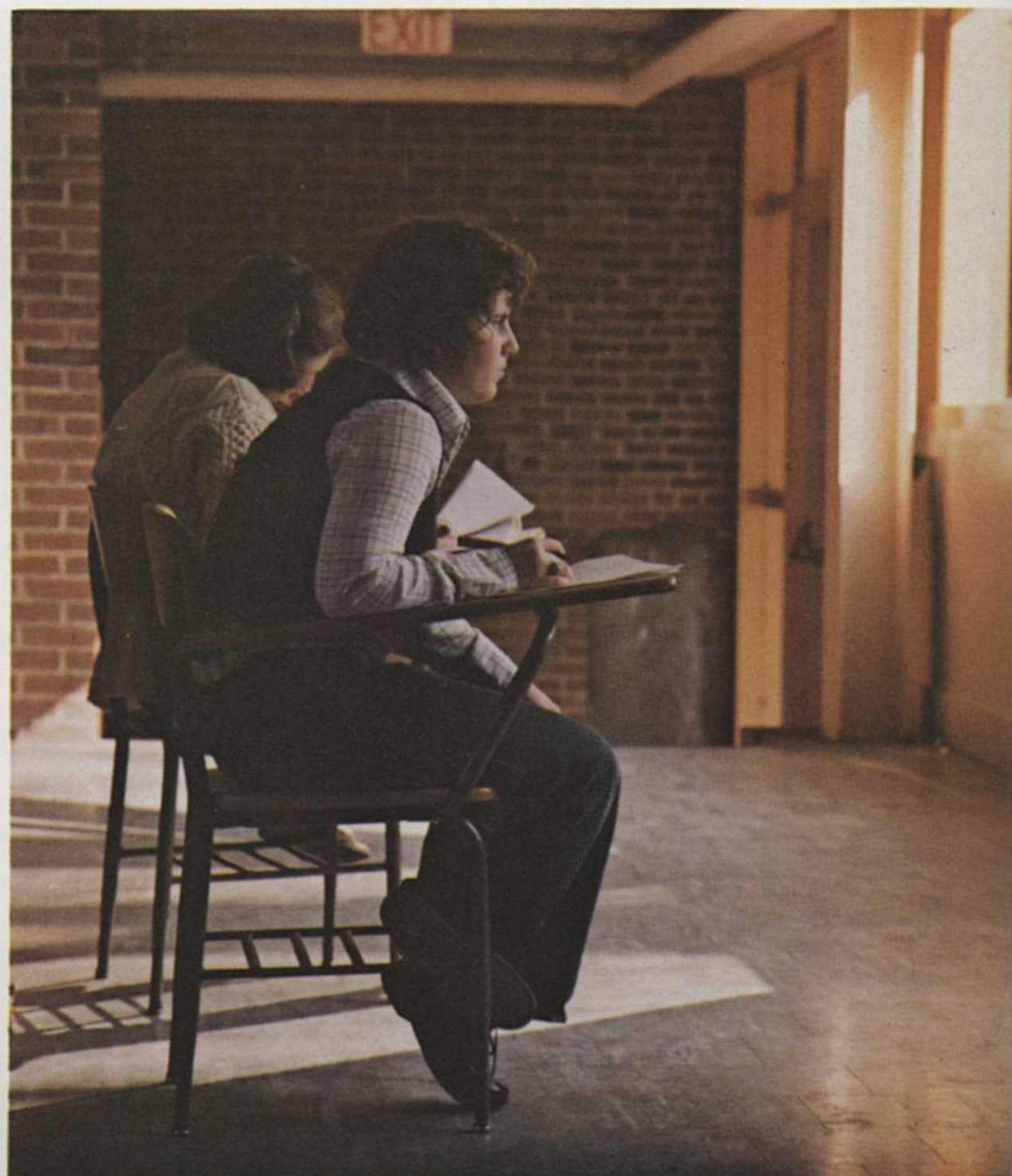
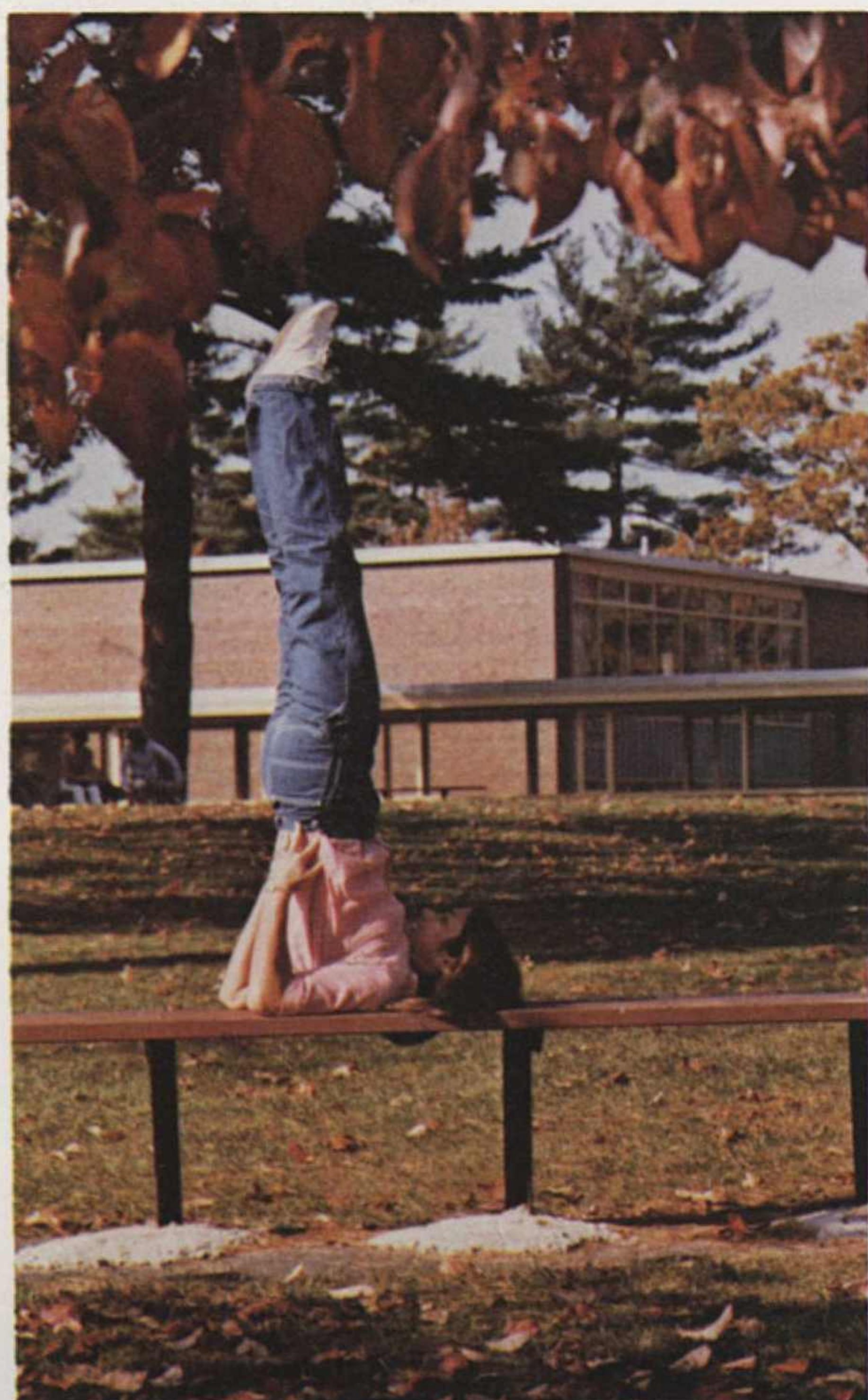
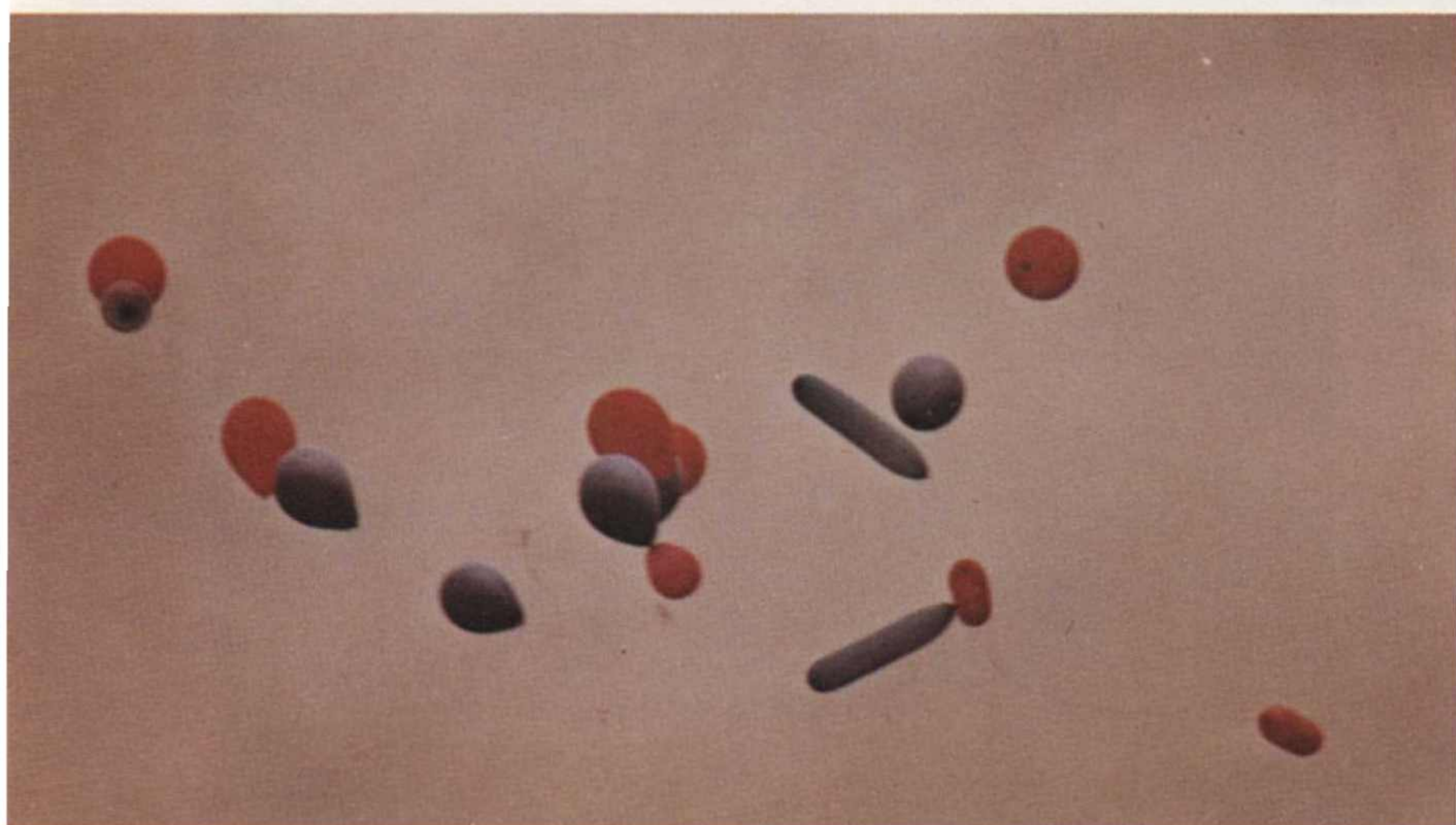






Often we plunge forward without even thinking where the plunge may take us.

We look ever to the future hoping for something better, for something new and different.

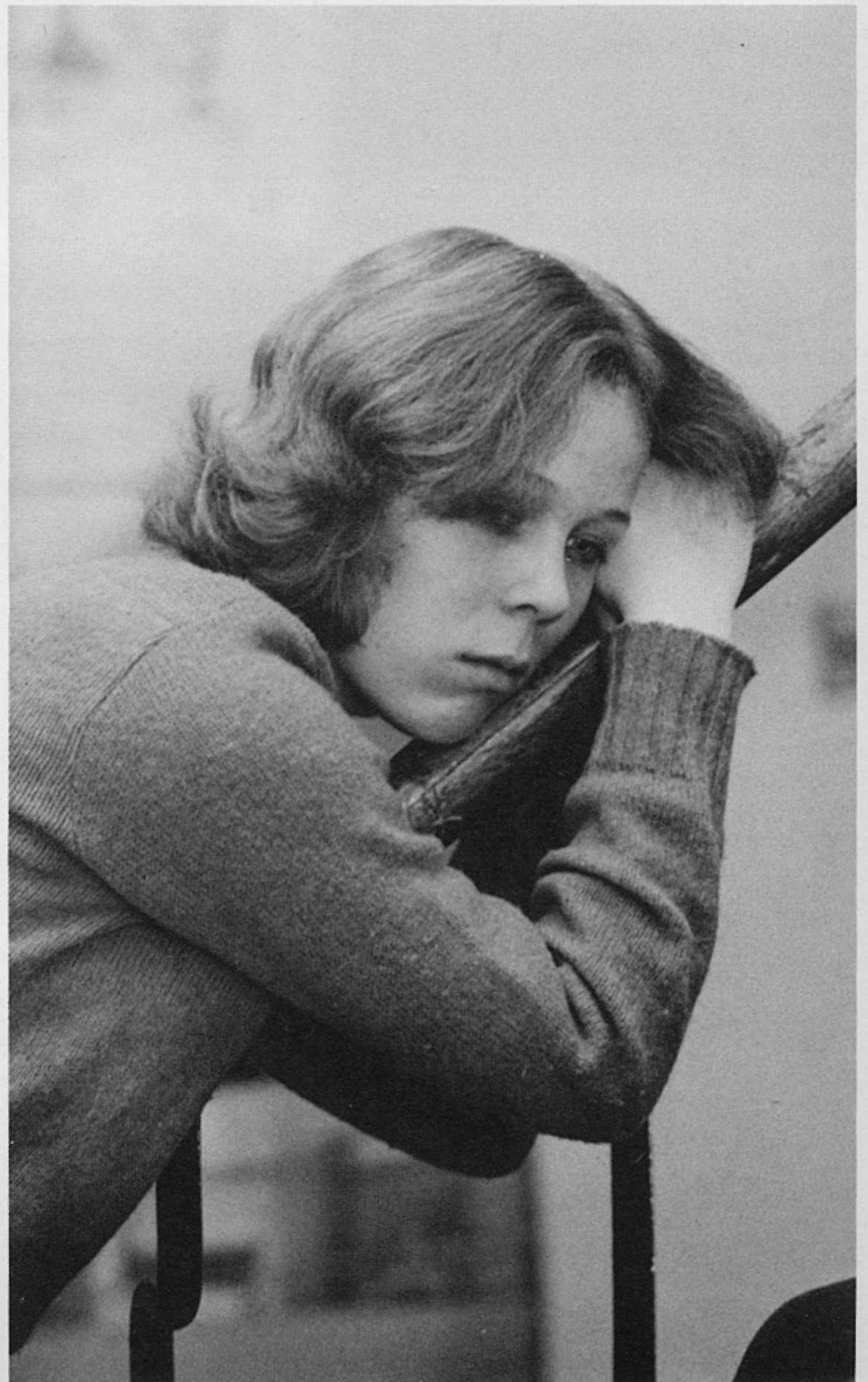


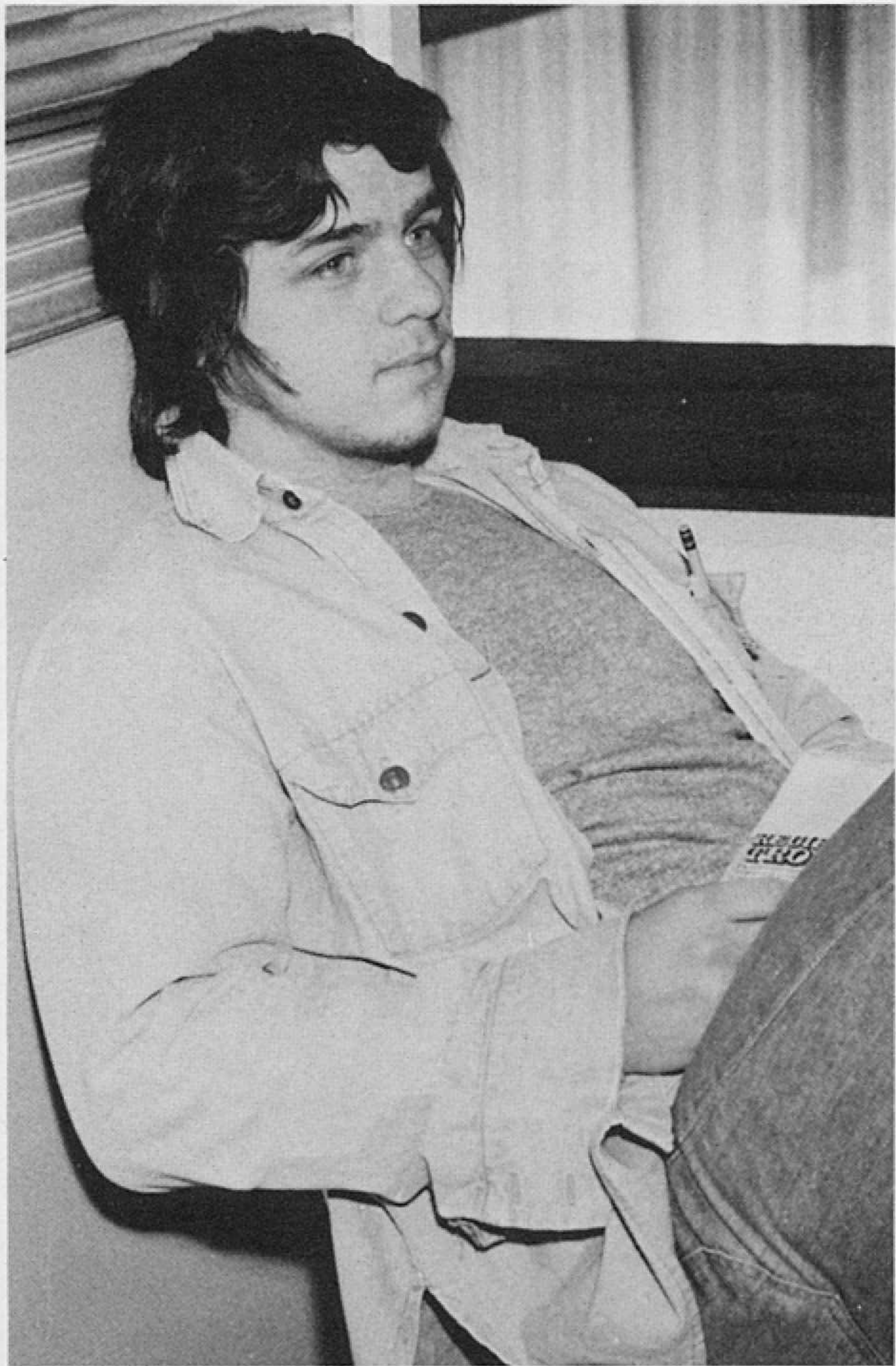
Even after we have attained what we have sought it seems to us that little has changed; for always there is something that can be improved. It is only when we look back, to times that were, that we realize just what we had. Then we wish that the changes had not been so great. How wonderful life would be if we could revisit those moments that we cherished most!

Time lets us remember the best. We don't recall the depressing, rainy days but the sunny days we spent with friends and the moments we loved.



OLD PLACES, NEW FACES

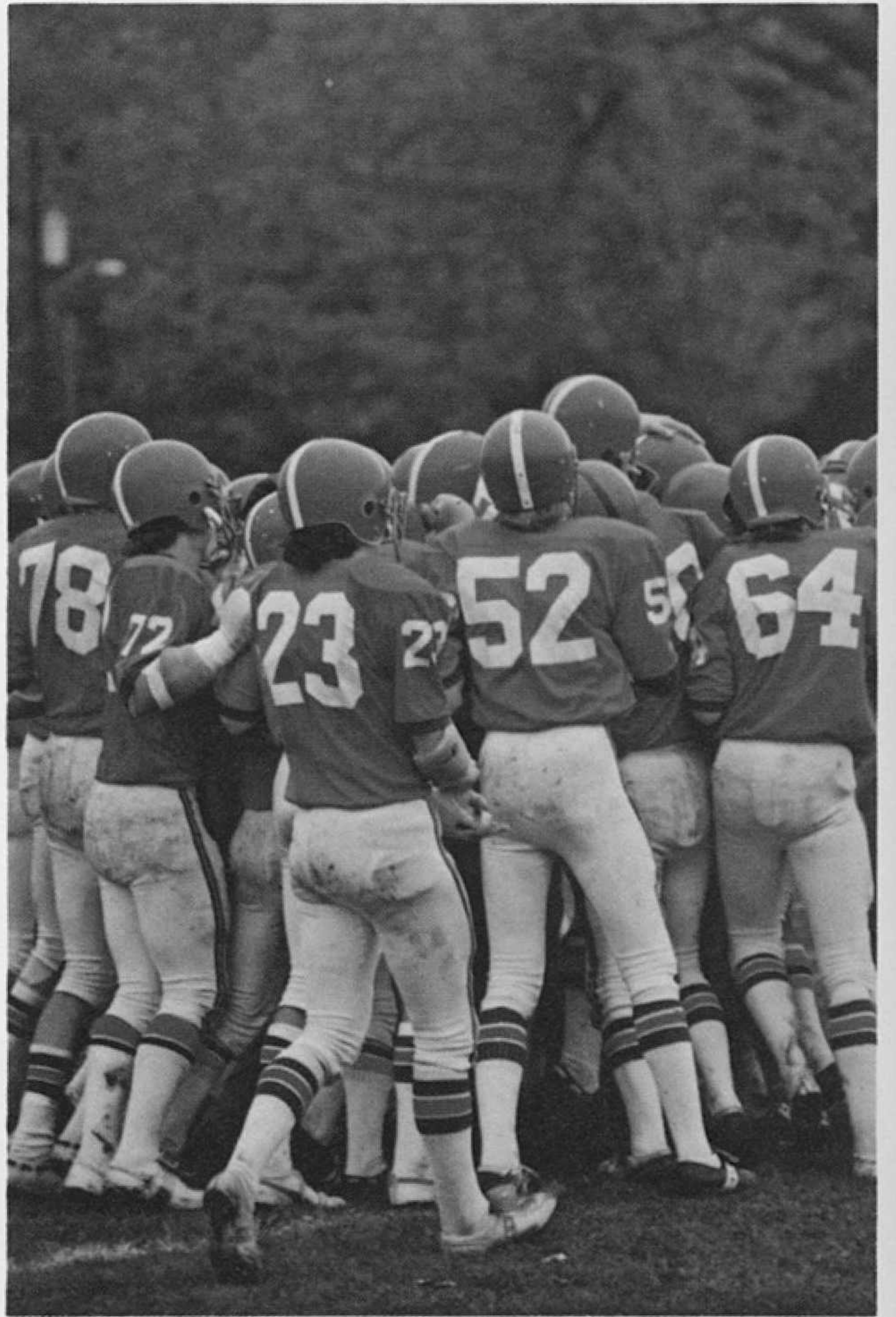




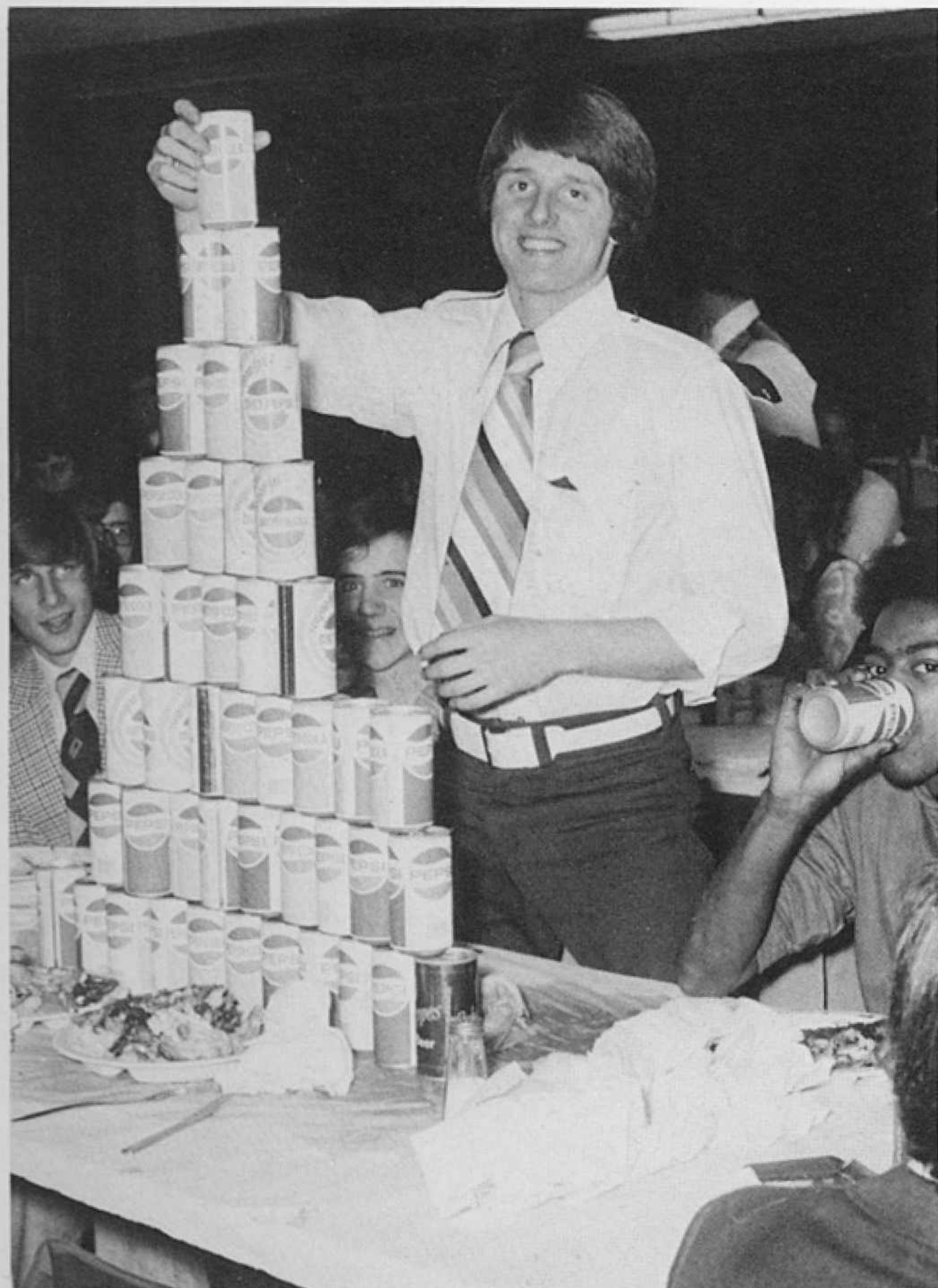
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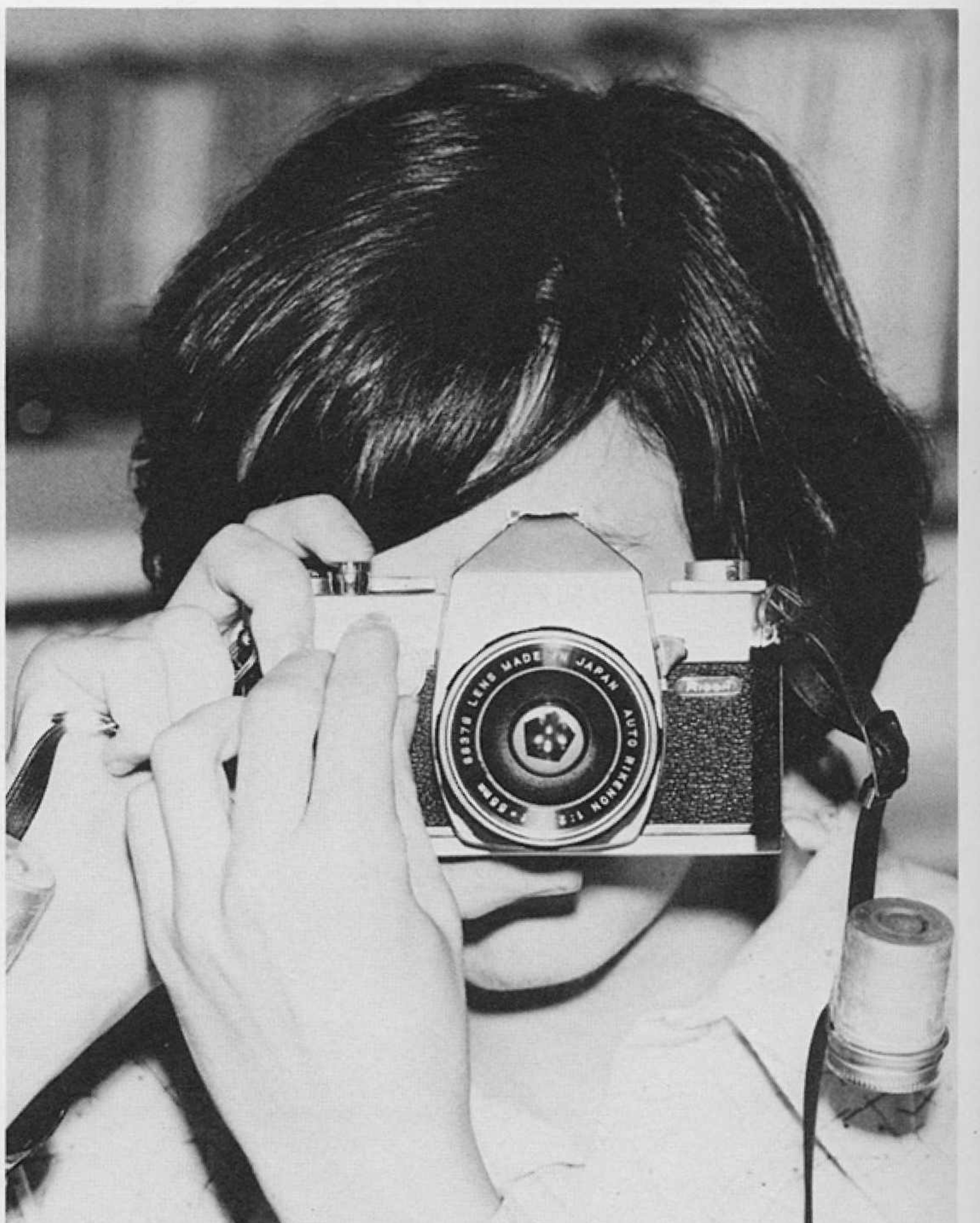
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Competition



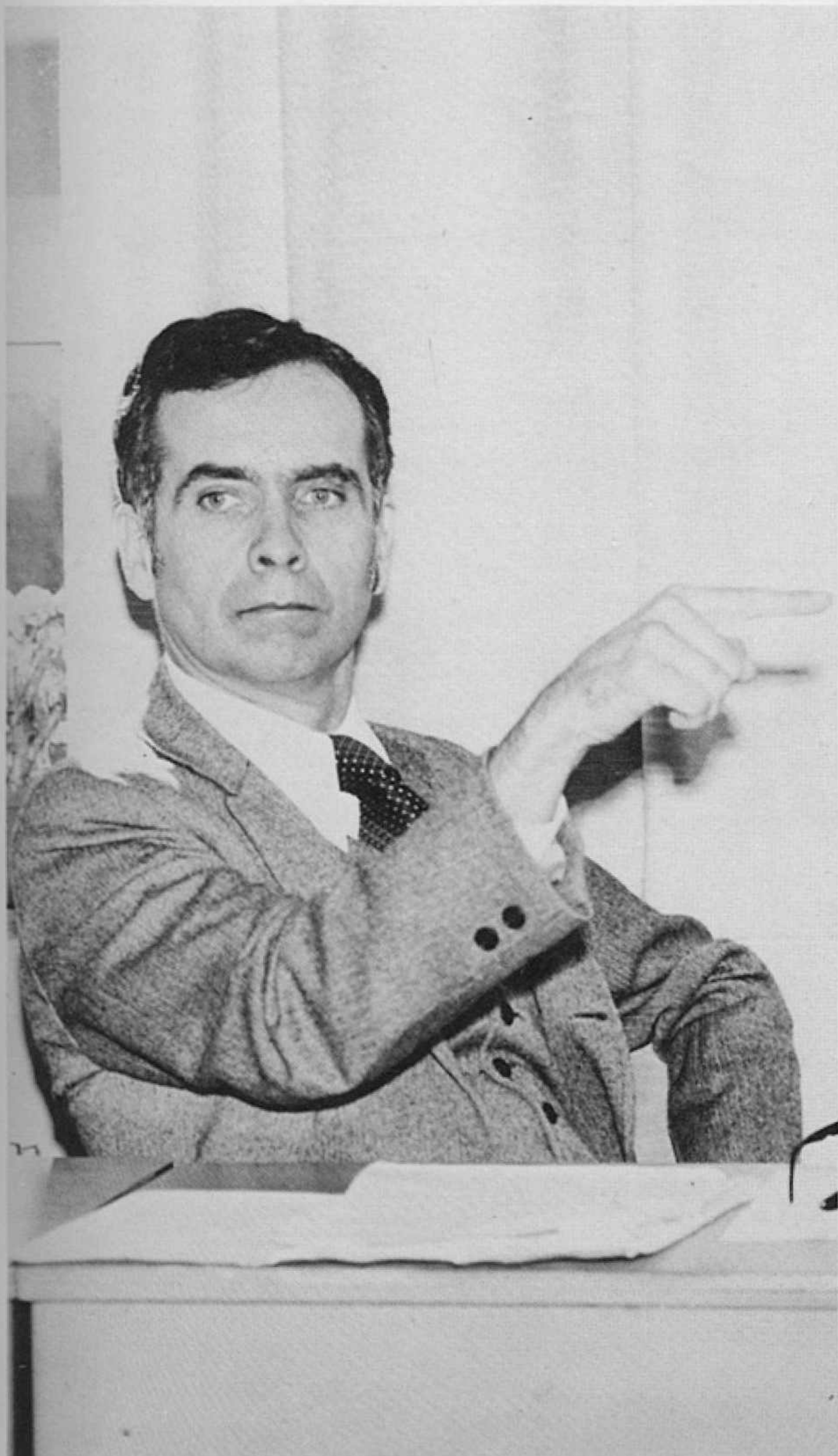
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Creativity



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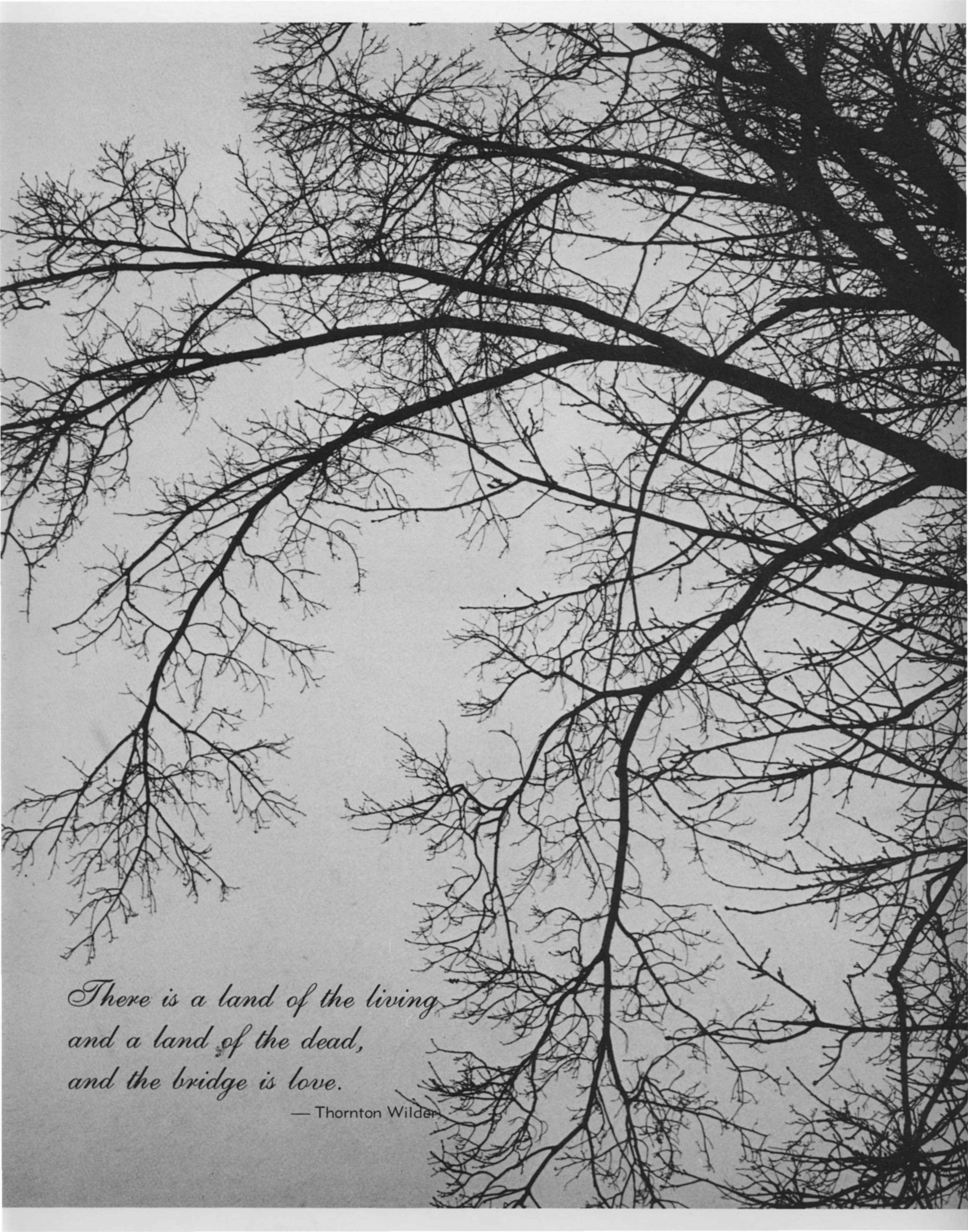
EVENTS

SENIOR WEEK

ADVERTISEMENTS



Events



*There is a land of the living
and a land of the dead,
and the bridge is love.*

— Thornton Wilder

*Only when you drink from the river of
silence shall you indeed sing.*

*And when you have reached the mountain
top, then you shall begin to climb.*

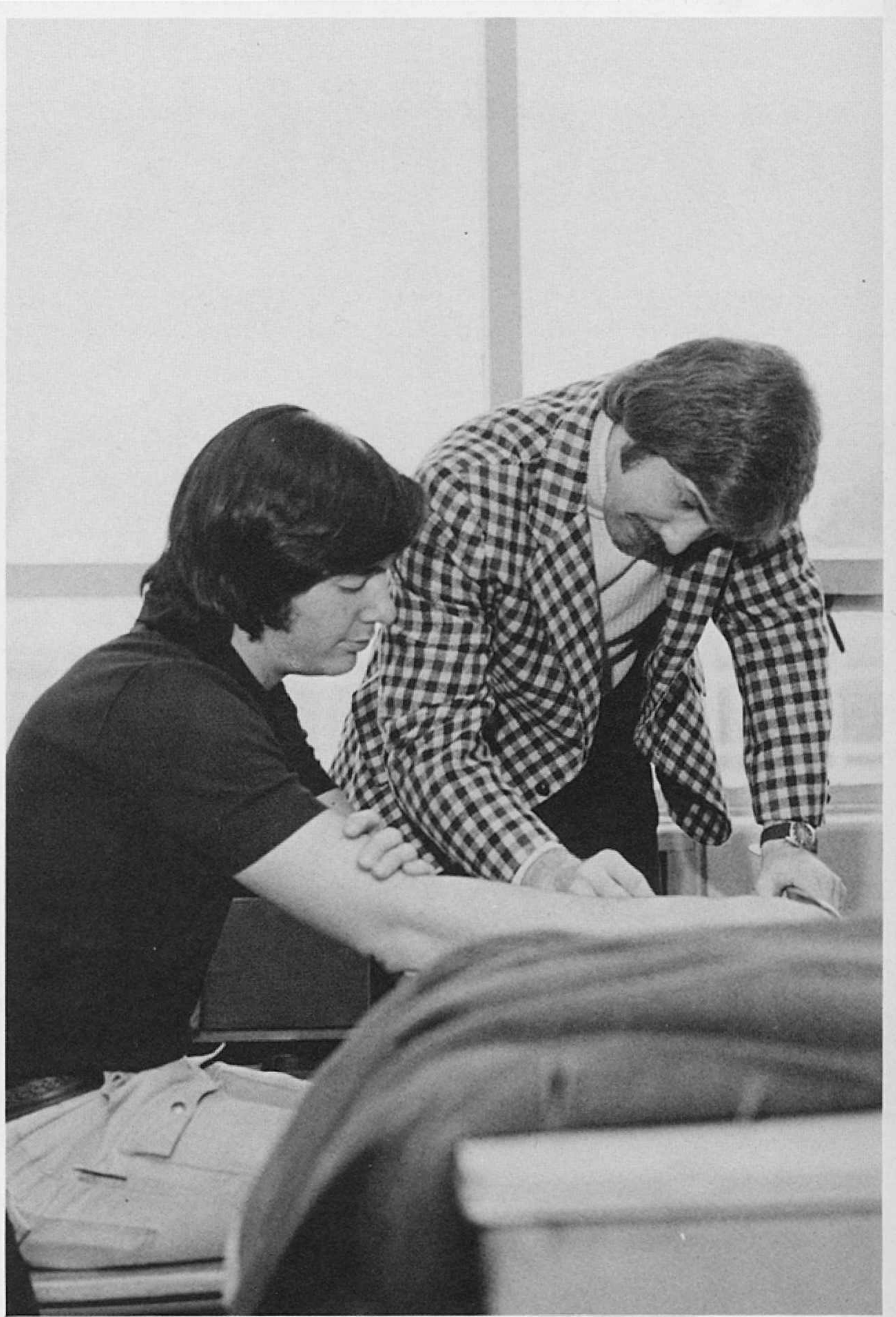
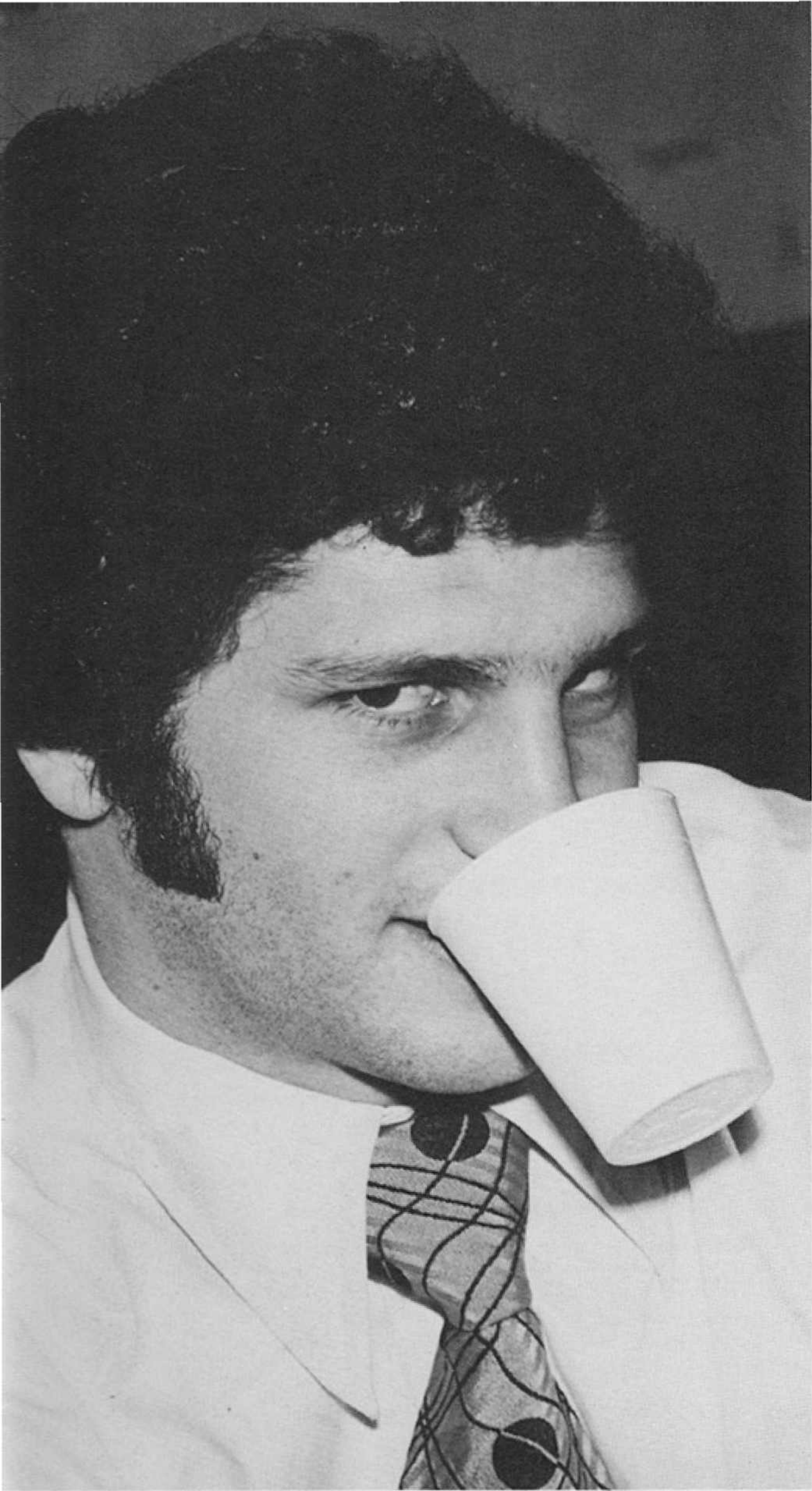
*And when the earth shall claim your
limbs, then you shall truly dance.*

— Kahlil Gibran

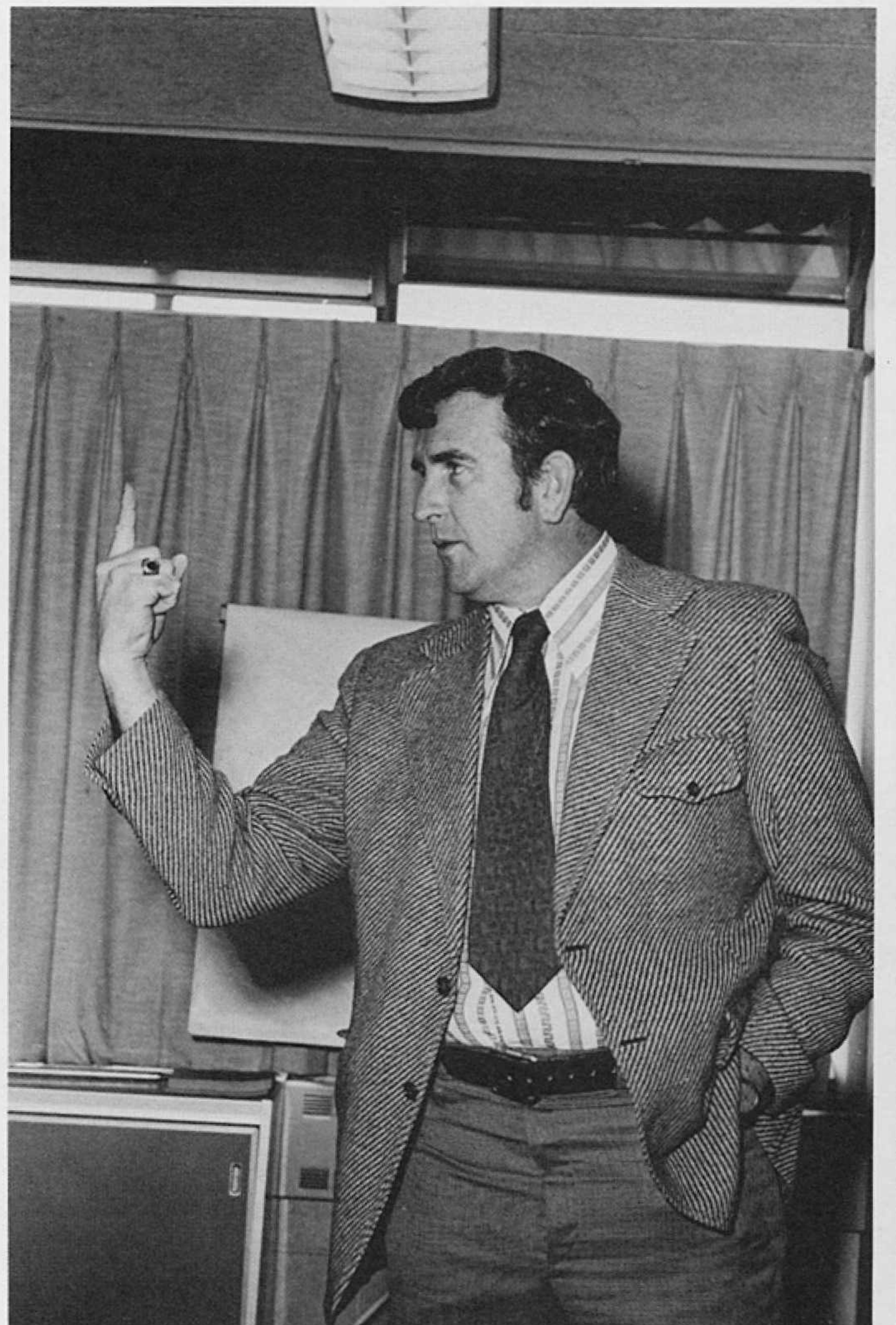
Edward Garvin

Richard Griffey

Richard Theriault



FACULTY



PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL COMMITTEE



First row: Dr. A.J. Damplo, Dr. W.W. Wetzel, Mr. F.X. Corcoran. Second row: Mr. P.J. Kilman, Mr. D.A. Thomas, Mr. C.A. Young.



First row: Mr. K. Joslin, Mr. J.V. Saunders, Dr. W.W. Wetzel. Second row: H. Marcus, Mr. P. Ambler, Mr. L. Flynn, Mrs. P. Kaufman, Mr. D. Crane, Mr. P. Peters.



Mr. Francis Collins, Vice-Principal

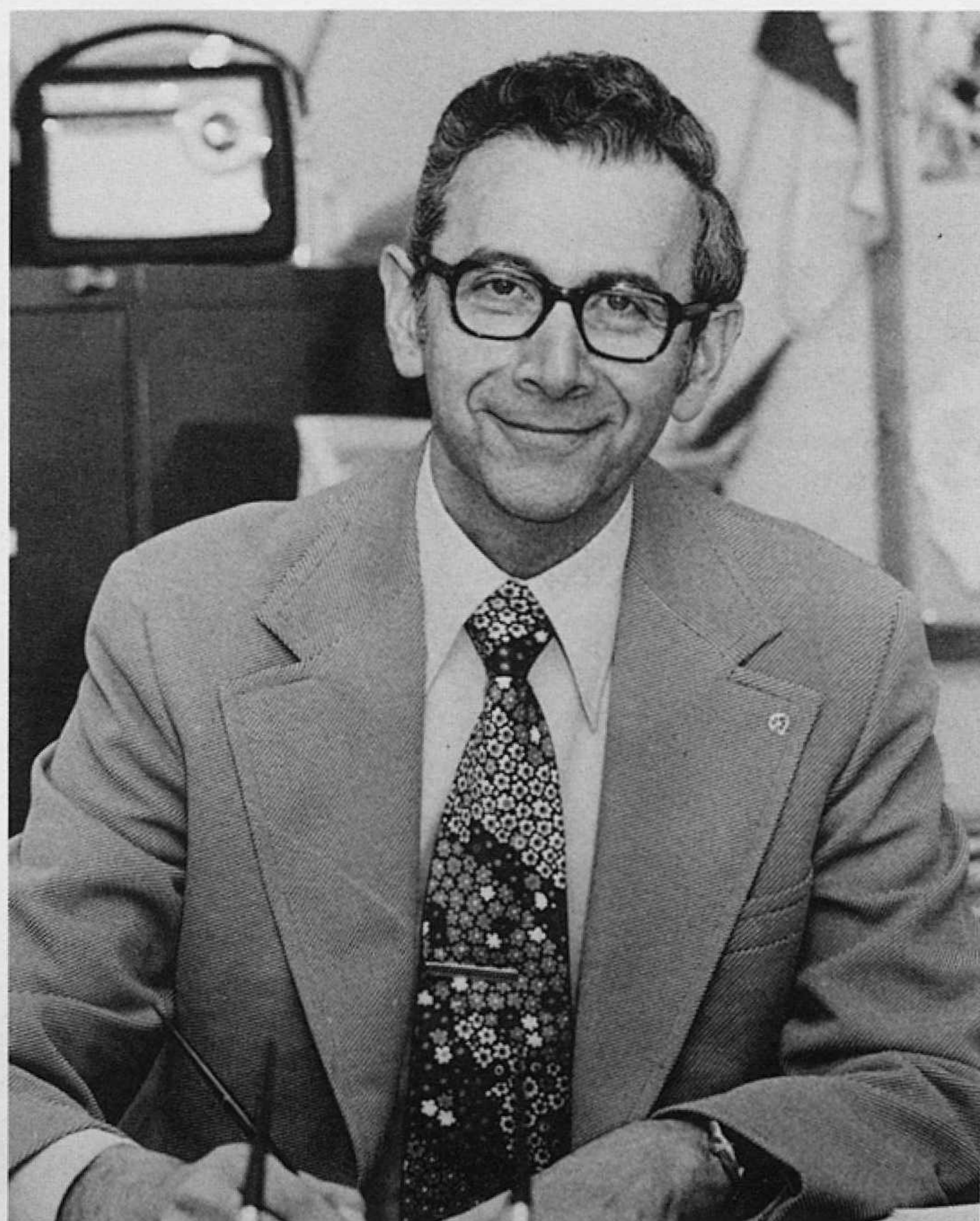


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Mr. Edward Culhane, Administrative Intern

NHS ADMINISTRATION



Mr. Harold Rosen, Principal

SCIENCE

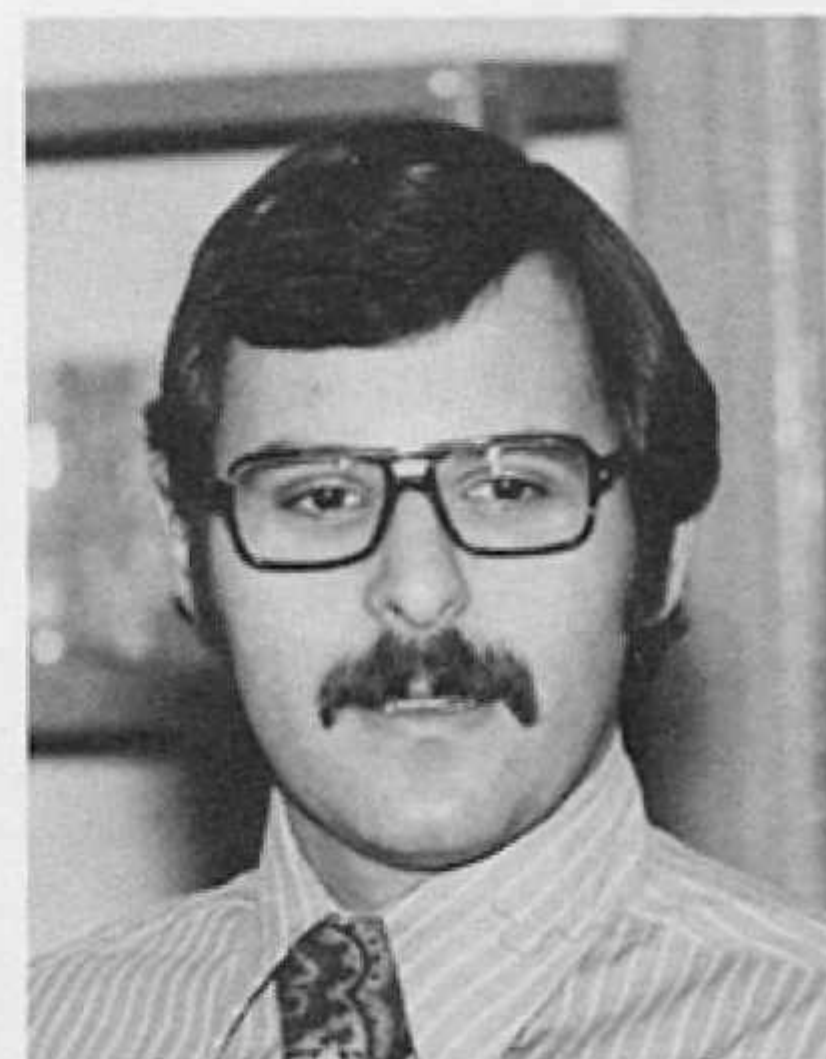


The Science Department had a very productive year. Probably the most well known project was the construction of the greenhouse, under the direction of Mr. Barnicle. Although the project had a slow start and there was much red tape, the greenhouse is now almost completed.

Mrs. Larkin and Mr. Beeuwkes attended a two day conference sponsored by Mass. biology teachers.

Mr. Murray and three students attended a symposium on Population Dynamics.

There were of course many more activities than this during the course of the year, too many to list here. This was a year that the Science Department played a leading role in education at Natick High.



Mr. Taddeo



Mr. Bohannon



Mr. Biedrzycki



Mrs. Larkin



Mr. Beeuwkes



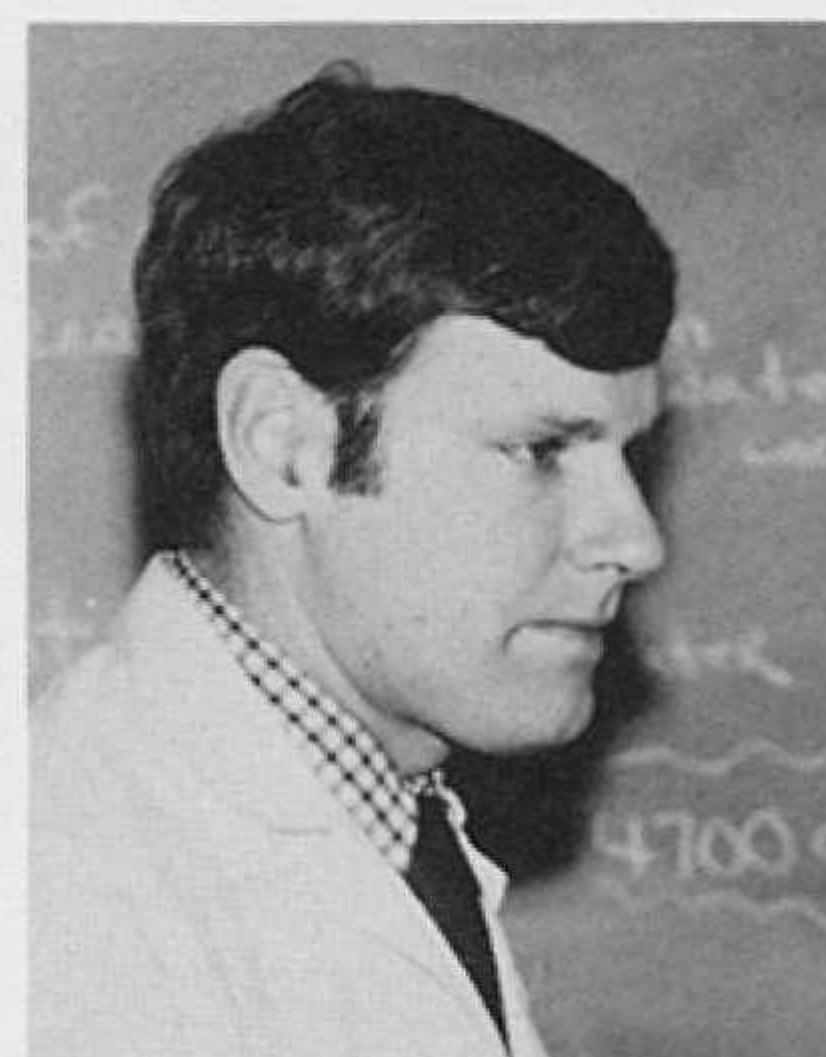
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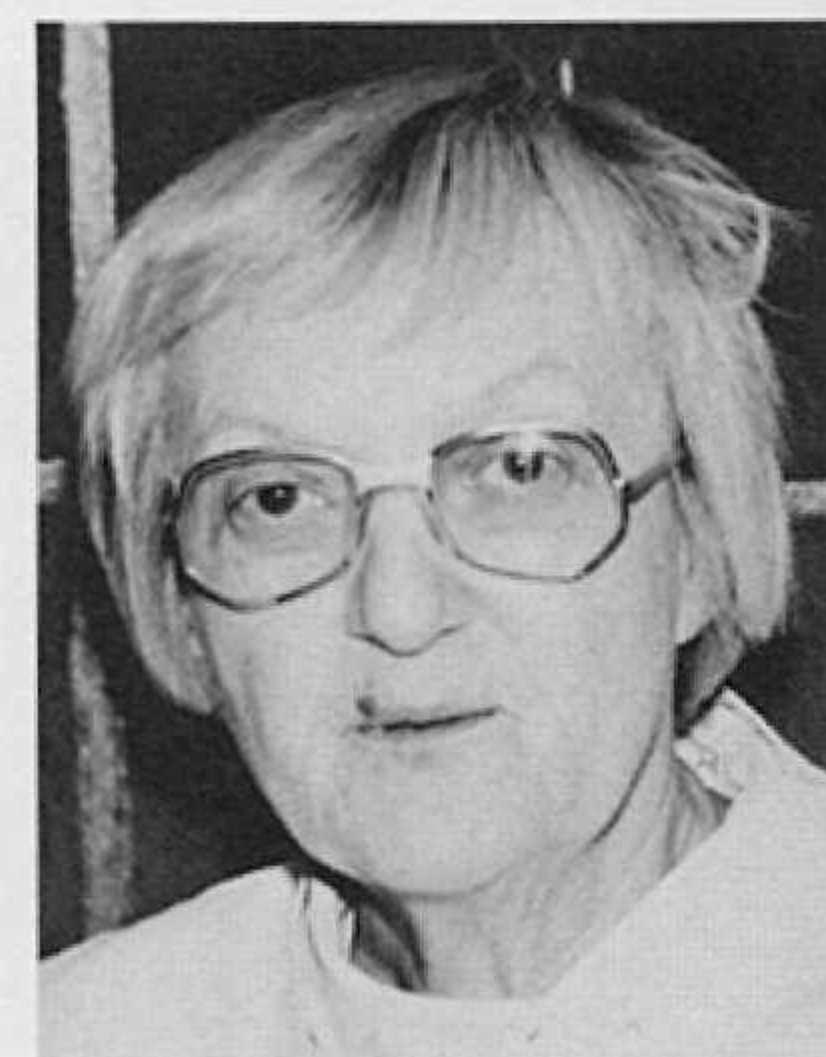
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Mr. Murray

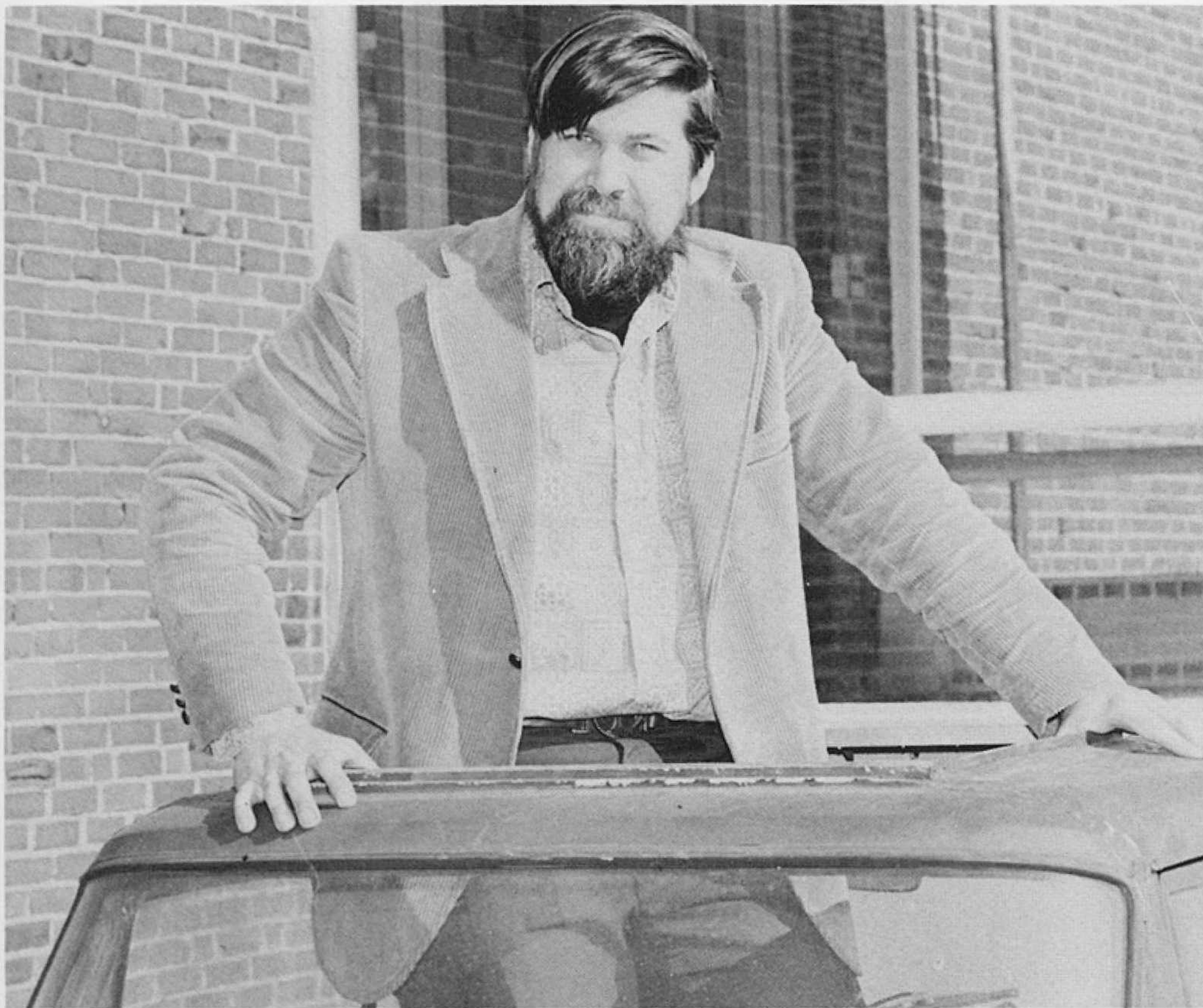


Mr. Crow



Mrs. Wolf

PLANETARIUM



Mr. Jameson



Mr. Colombo



Miss Byrne

INDUSTRIAL ARTS



In looking through the many yards of enrollment print-outs for the year 1975-1976 it should be noticed that there are more students involved in some way with the Industrial Arts Department; a whopping 80% of the NHS student body; than any other elective on the NHS curriculum. In fact, only Gym and English, mandatory subjects by state law, involve more students. This says quite a bit for the Industrial Arts program and teachers.

Mr. Wilder, Department head for the Industrial Arts, was out from the February vacation on with a severe back injury that involved an operation. According to Richard Duval, who teaches Woodworking, "The kids and teachers both helped out to keep the program running smoothly. "Mr. Sticklor, the Industrial Arts Department Head prior to Mr. Wilder, also shouldered a major portion of the work during Mr. Wilder's absence."

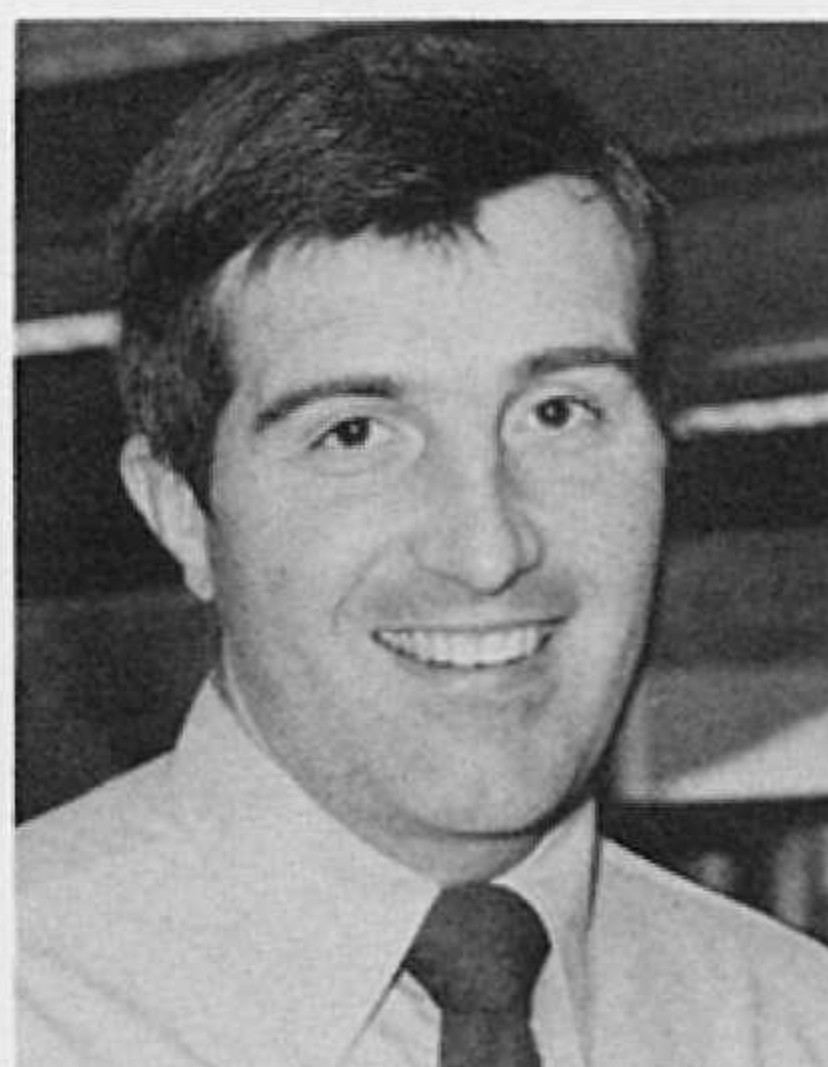
The Natick Rotary Club this year again donated awards to students that had achieved outstanding recognition in Industrial Arts. These awards consisted of \$90.00 worth of tools to be used in the type of work the student received the award for. The awards were given to: Seniors Daniel Ostreicher, Woodworking; Donald Burns, Metal Working; Steven Marchetti, Mechanical Drawing; John O'Toole, Electricity/Electronics; Juniors David Kadlik, Graphic Arts; Michael Lentini, Power Mechanics; and Chris Hafner, Structures.



Mr. Sisti



Mrs. Carter



Mr. Lacouture



Mr. Burnham



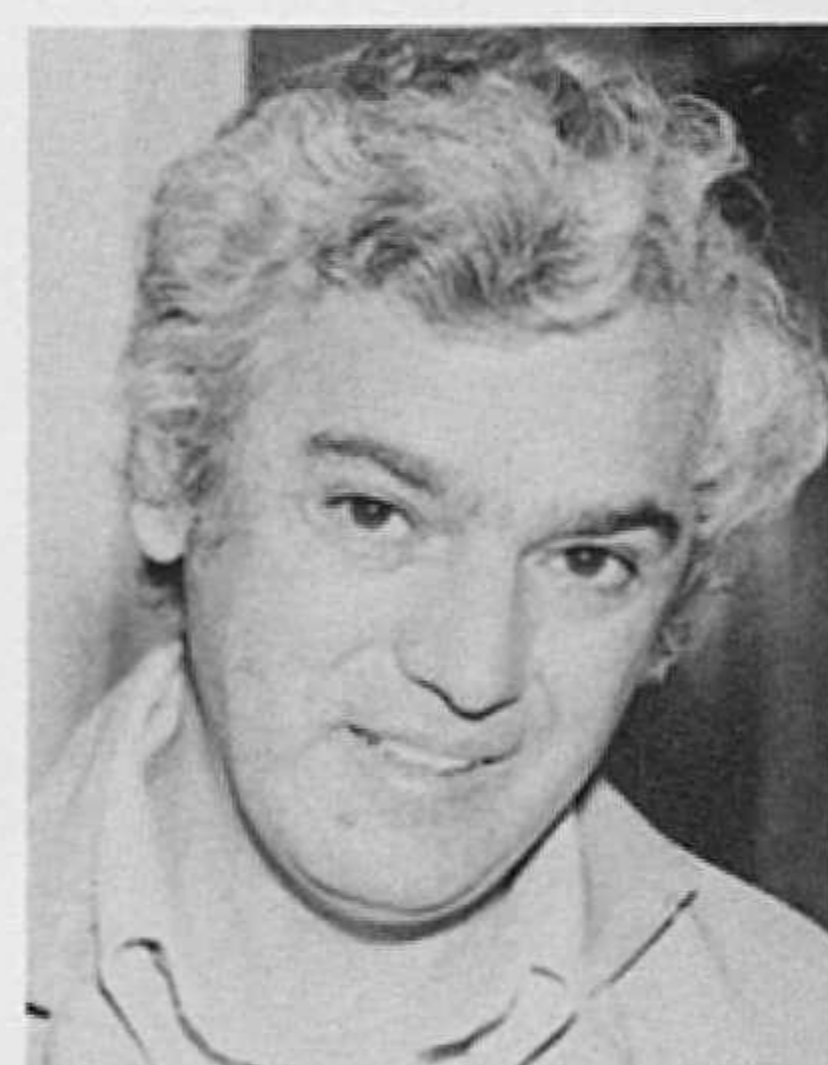
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Mr. Buck



Miss Nelson



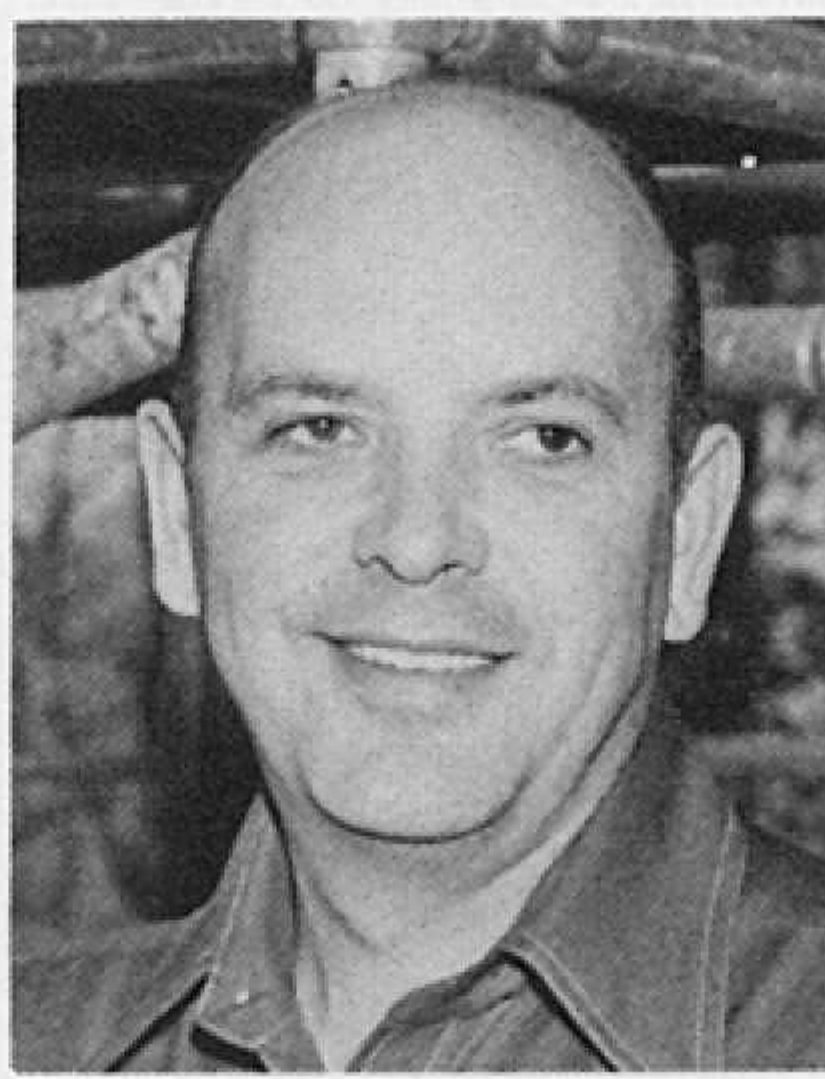
Mr. Buduo



Mr. Duval



Mrs. Ghilani



Mr. Wilder

Industrial Arts also shows an increase in female enrollment this year. As the different industries are becoming more equality minded toward hiring women, Industrial Art classes are looking more and more attractive to a greater number of female students than ever before. As Mr. Buduo, teacher of graphic arts stated this year, "Industrial Arts is no longer a field for men, it is a field for persons."

Because Industrial Arts is a progressive field, a comprehensive course in I.A. cannot function properly without keeping up with the latest trends. Many of the department members are involved with programs, societies, memberships, and professional organizations that all help to upgrade their awareness of ongoing happenings in the field of industrial arts, practical arts, and fine arts.



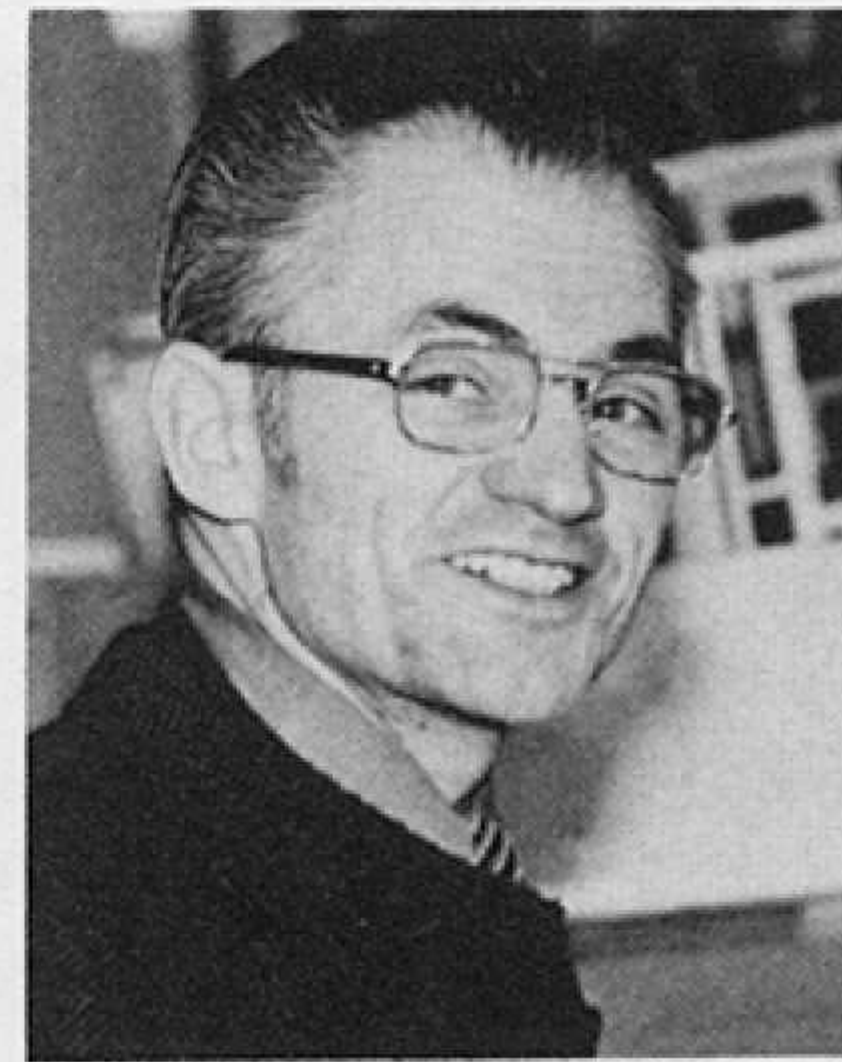
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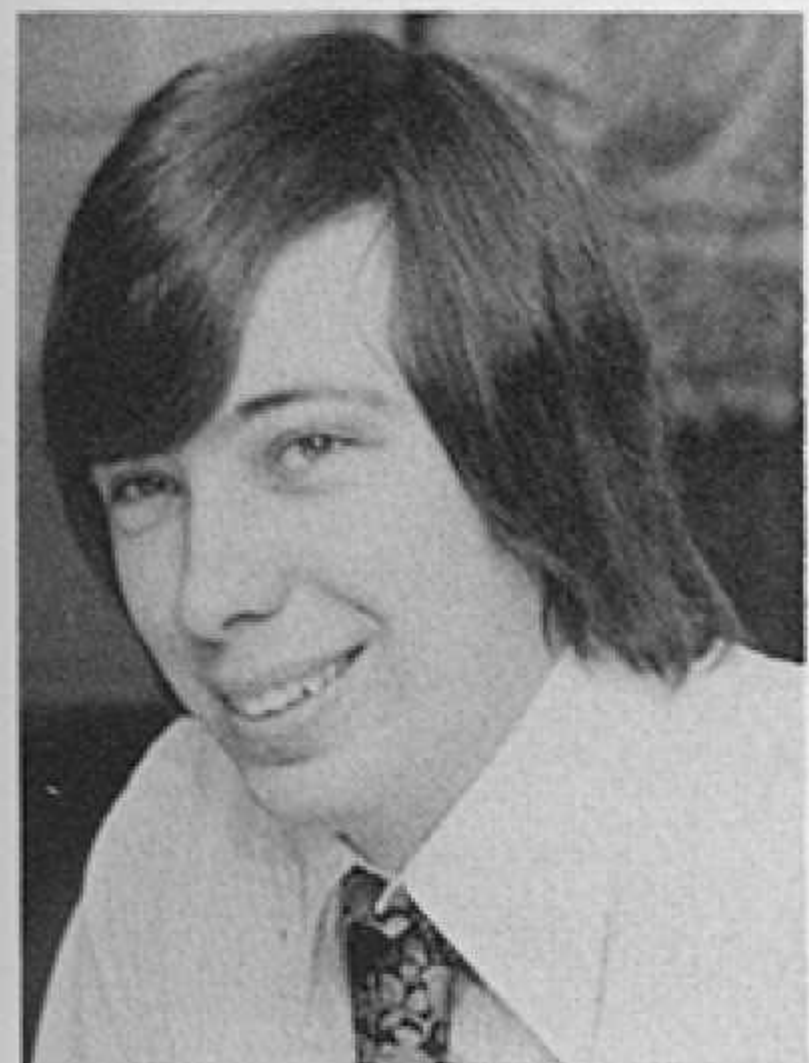
Miss Talbot



Mr. Jones



Mr. Bourdeau



Mr. Heaton



Mrs. Panchuk



Mr. Dodson



Mr. Foley



Mr. Bachini



Mr. Clark



Miss Thomas

MUSIC

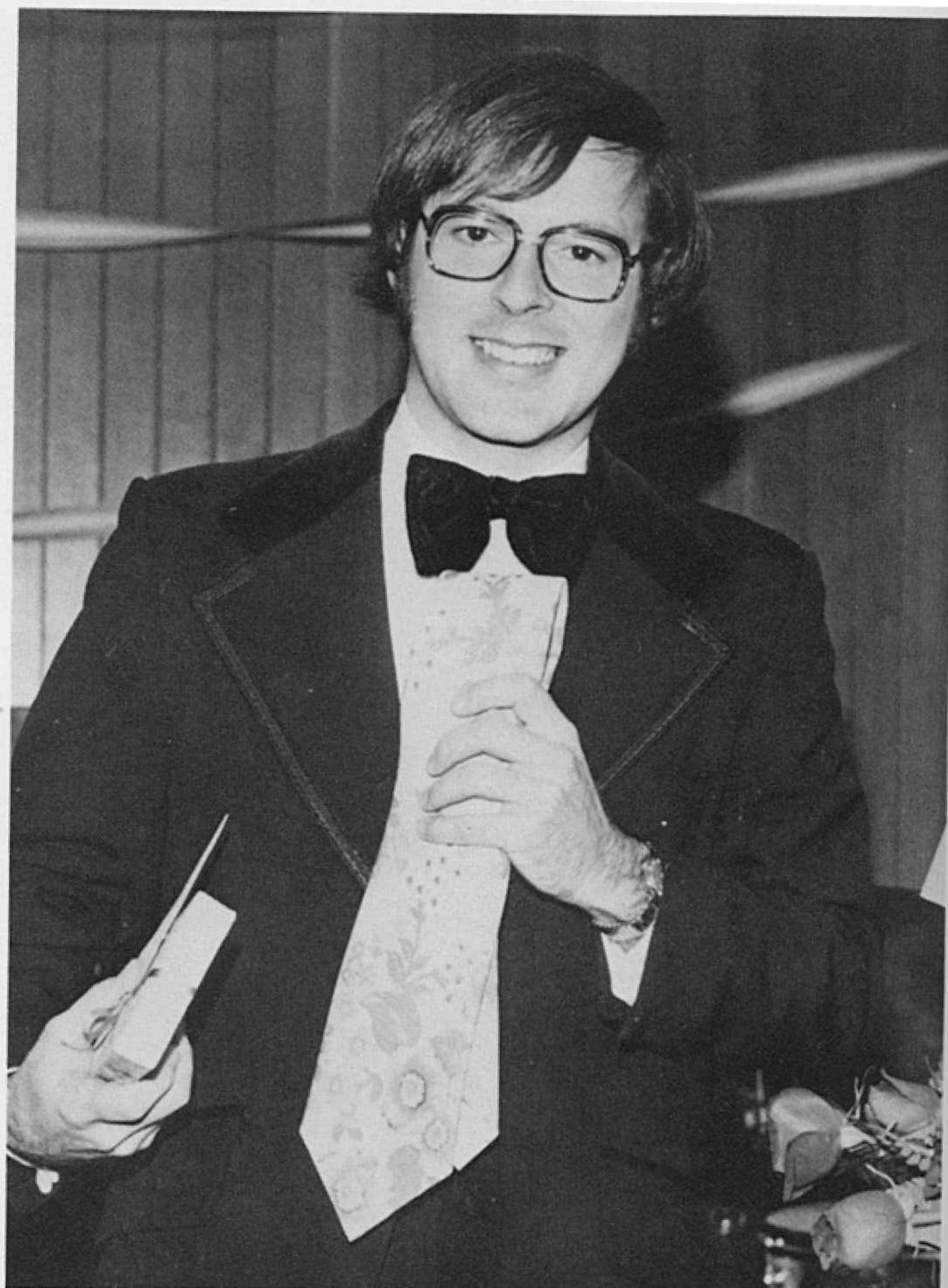
This year the instrumental and vocal groups of the Music Department have been very active. These groups consist of the Marching band, Concert Band, Stage Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and The Harmonizers. For a look at their activities, please see pages 62-65, 198-201, and 216-217.

What does music mean to those involved? Perhaps these statements will lend some insight.

"Through a high school music program, students learn that they were given lungs for more than breathing and that being full of hot air isn't so bad!"

"Listening to music is great, but making it is the best."

"Music is better than a sport because it will always be with you and you don't get hurt playing it!"



LANGUAGE



Mrs. Colombo



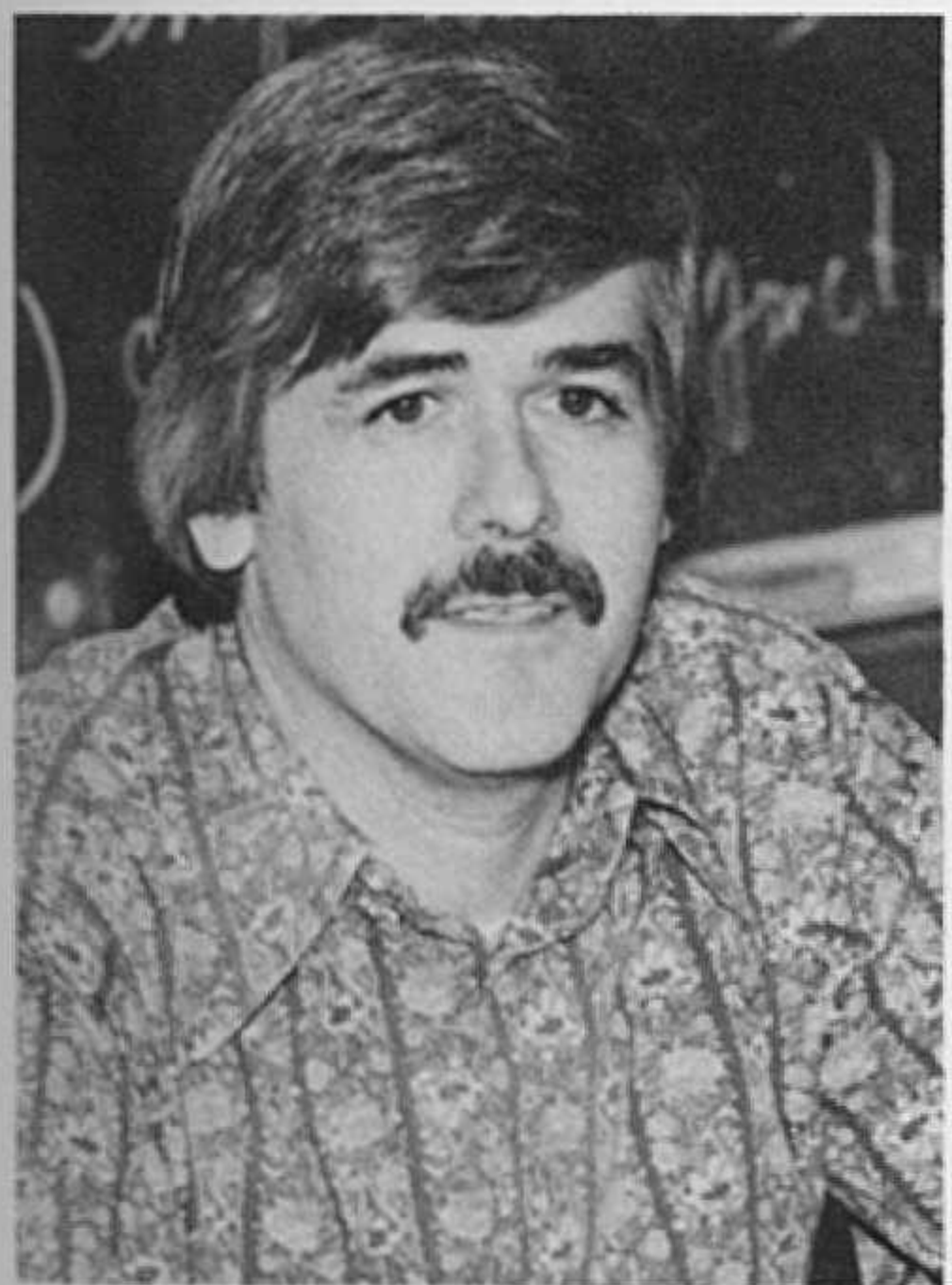
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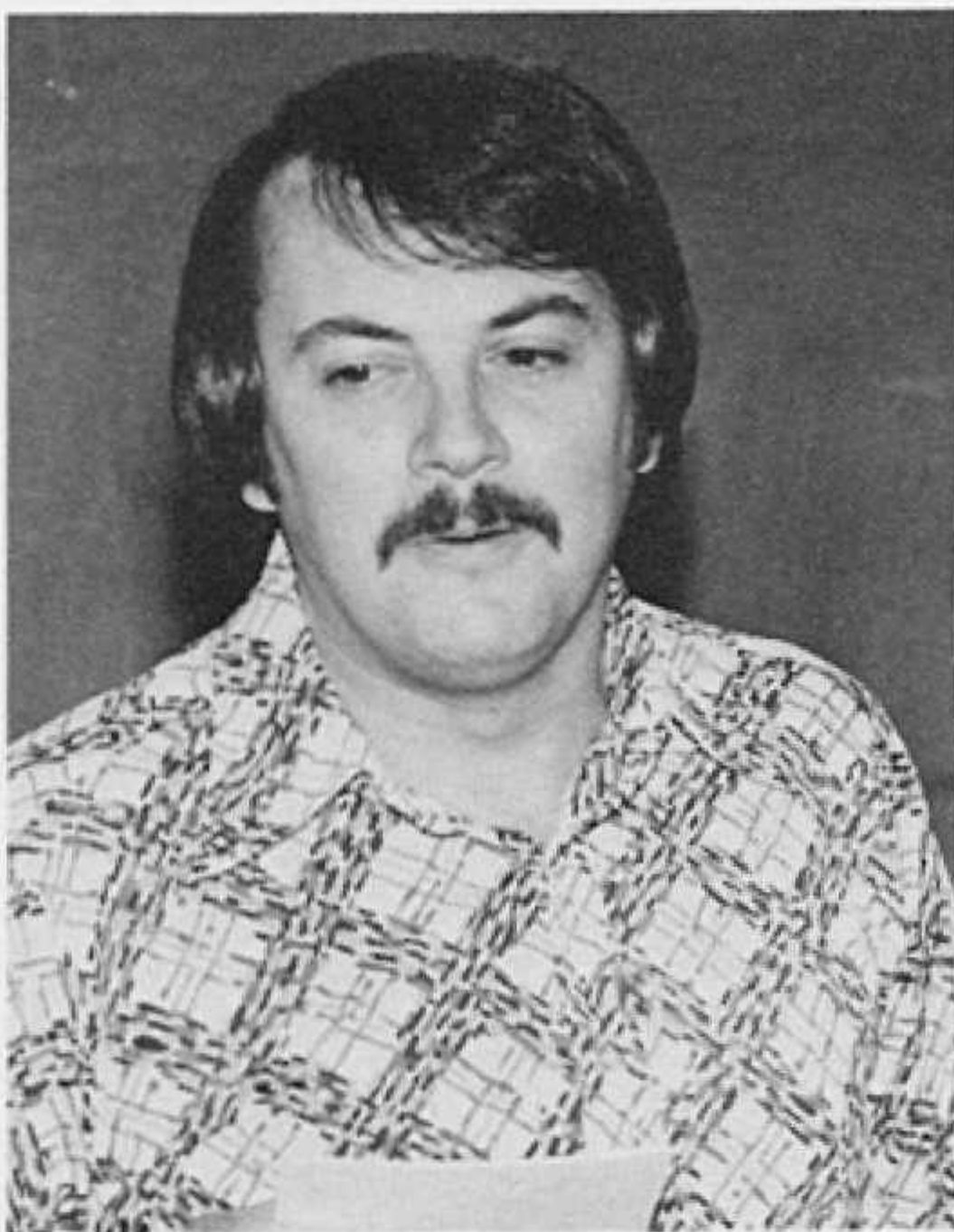
Miss Carberry



Mrs. Pataky



Dr. Lavergne



Mr. Gaudette



Miss Ciannavei



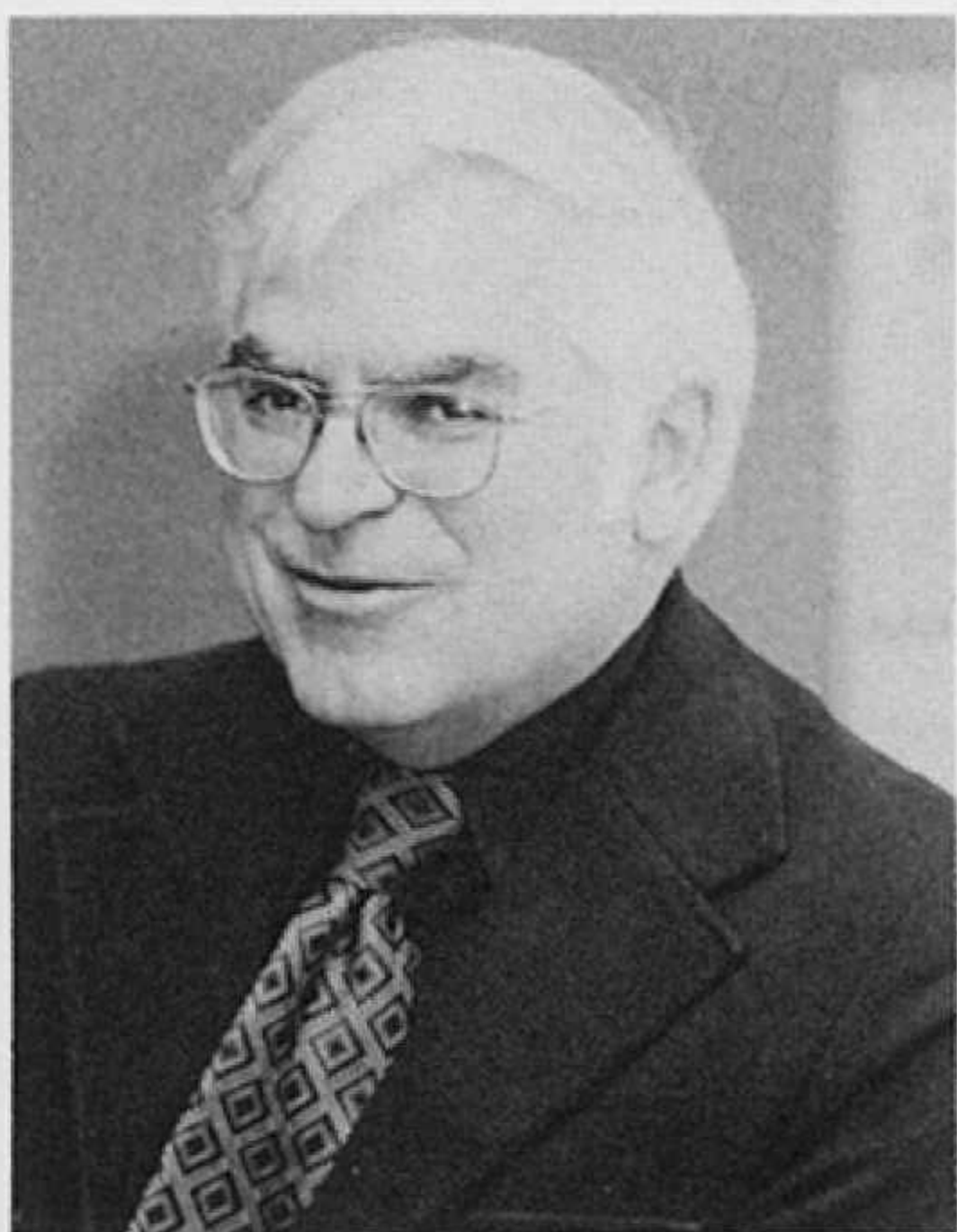
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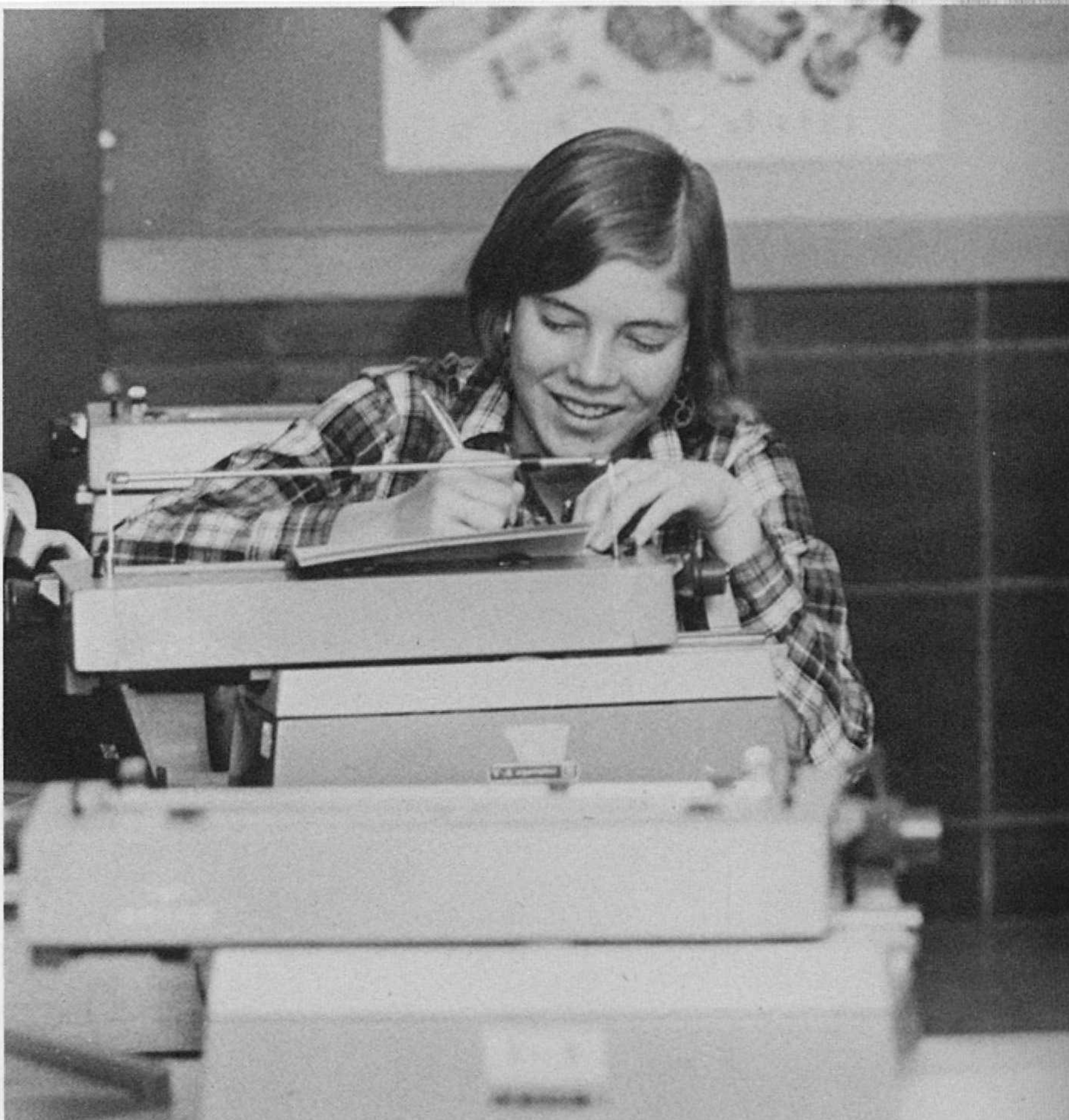
The Language Department had an active year this year, the highlight being International Week. Among the events sponsored were a feature-length French film, a Spanish Flamenco dance, a Mardi Gras party, and visits from foreign students. Each day in the cafeteria a foreign dish was served as part of the festivities.

A number of field trips were arranged as part of the curriculum also. The French 41 class attended a performance of Phedre in Wellesley, given by a famous French company. The Spanish 31 and 41 classes attended an all-day program in Boston featuring intercultural events and a performance by Jose Greco, a famous Spanish dancer.

Various classes also had the chance to indulge in some foreign dishes either in a restaurant, in school, or at a teacher's home. Among these were a German dinner at home of Mrs. Gelinas, and the Spanish 31 class at the Casa Mexico.



Mr. Drown



BUSINESS



Miss Pothier



Mr. Mitro



Mrs. Bromfield



Mrs. Kowal



Mrs. Philbrick



Mr. Craig



Mrs. Parisi



Mrs. Rickey



Mr. Thibault



Mrs. Beerthuis



Miss Zinck



"Sgt" McDade

The Natick High School Business Department is like a large family. Students and teachers have a common ground. The work that is accomplished by teachers is that they get across to the students the importance of the business world, and in return the students learn to go into business fields after high school.

Some of the main events this year were Mrs. Kowal's Lester-Hill Corporation that operated in A107 and "Serendipity" was introduced to advanced business machines classes under Miss Zinck.

Business students that received high honors from the department were Stephanie Reuman and Donna Lee Walker, for their outstanding work.

And who ever said that the Business Department was just old hat? New courses like Machine Transcription Lab, Business Communication Lab and Office Simulation are being offered next year.

All in all, the Business Department definitely does its share, to help with the betterment of Natick High School and the future of its' students.

By the way, Miss McDade's picture was HER idea and her sense of humor is very much appreciated.



Mr. Brown



ENGLISH

If you have meandered through the halls of the English wing this year you have probably noticed the murals of Hamlet, MacBeth, and Julius Ceaser. These murals were accomplished by Mr. John B. Buck, art instructor, to brighten up the halls and make walking to English class more enjoyable.

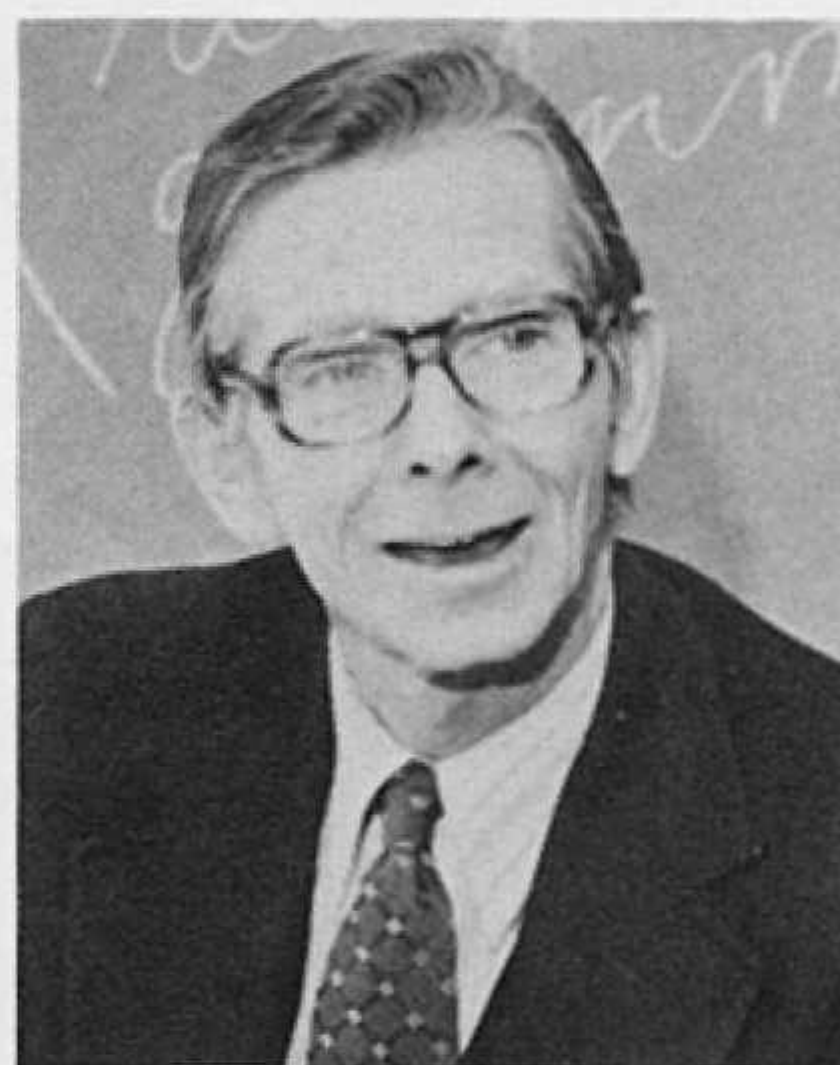
The National Council of Teachers of English awarded the department for its excellence in its Instructional Writing Program. Only twenty high schools out of hundreds were given this high honor.

This year the English Department launched a successful new pilot program. The program is tailored to the different needs of the students. It is Individualized Instruction supervised by Mr. Garnett and Mr. Bates.

Senior, Steven Kruger was honored by the National Council of Teachers of English for his excellence in writing.

Current Popular Literature was added this year as a new English course. The course taught by Mr. Gerald Dyer was very successful.

A new air conditioned Resource Center was put into use for the teachers. This center houses curriculum materials from the National Council of Teachers of English. Also on file are prepared units done by teachers that all teachers can share. It's also used as a place for teachers and students to meet on a one to one basis.



Mr. Rooney



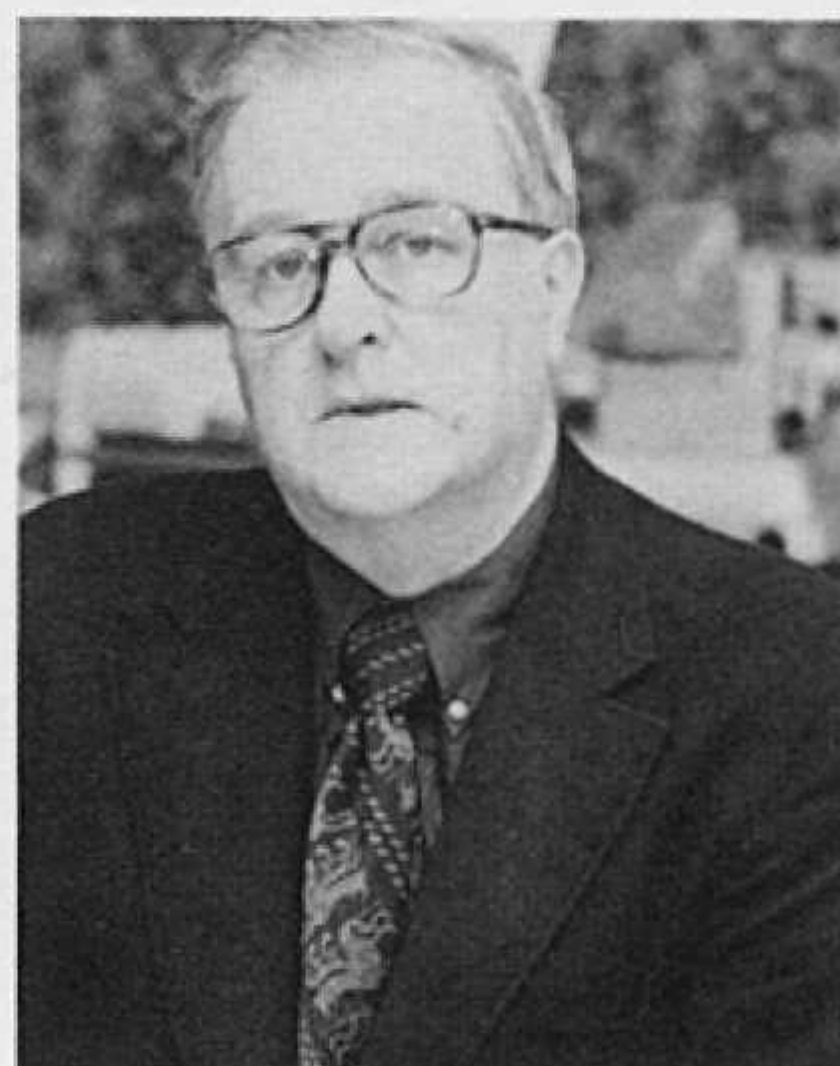
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Mrs. deGuzman



Mr. Holbrook



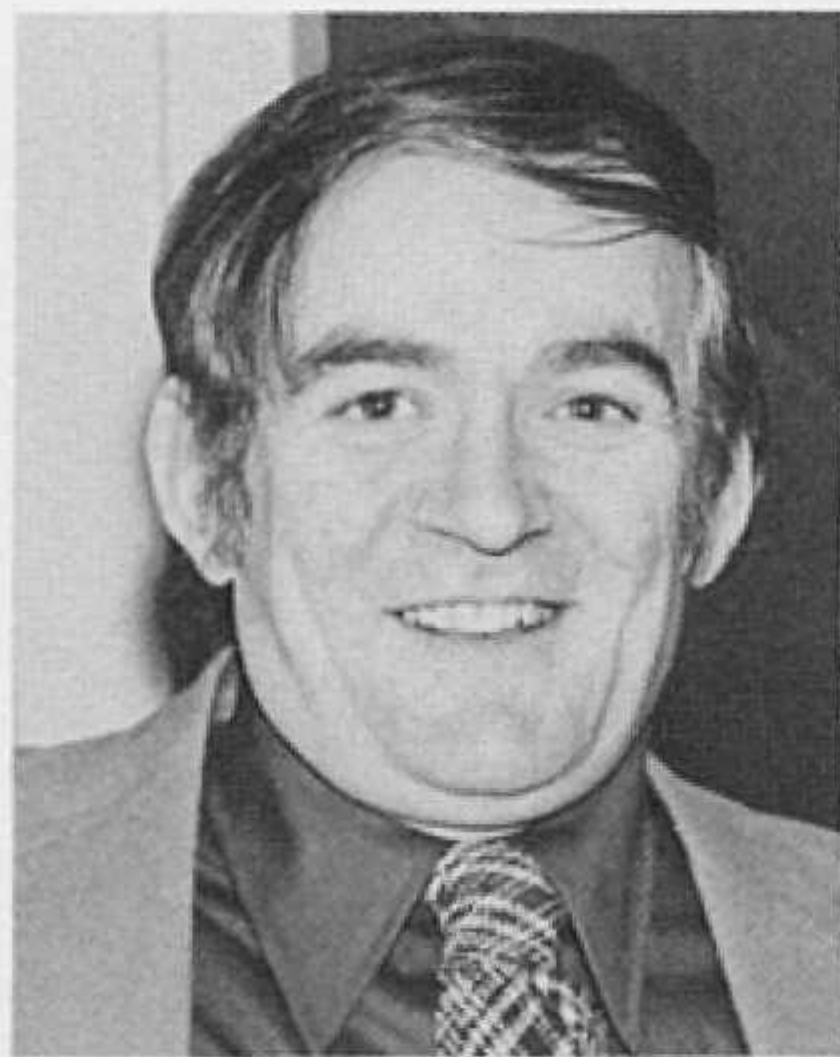
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Mrs. Belote



Mrs. Cantwell



Mr. Connolly



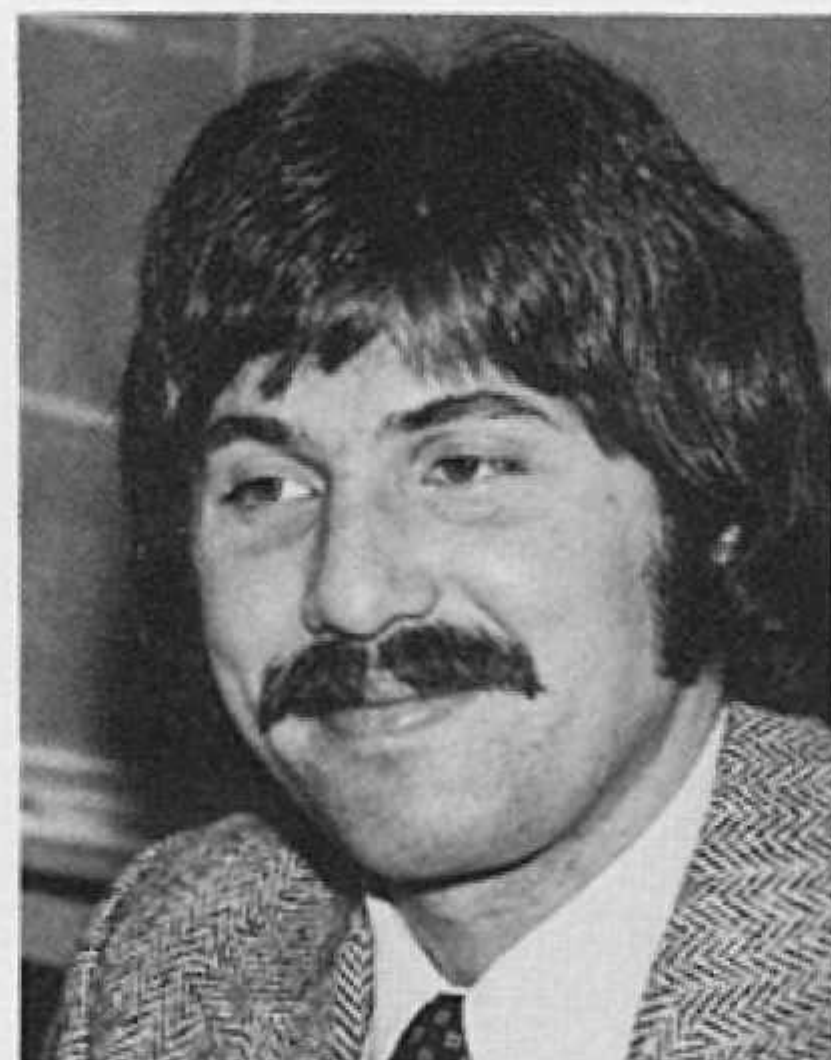
Mrs. Whyman



Mr. Minton



Mrs. Egleston



Mr. Bates



Mrs. Harackiewicz



Mrs. Javier



Mr. Harrington



Mrs. Robbins



Mrs. Tetreault



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



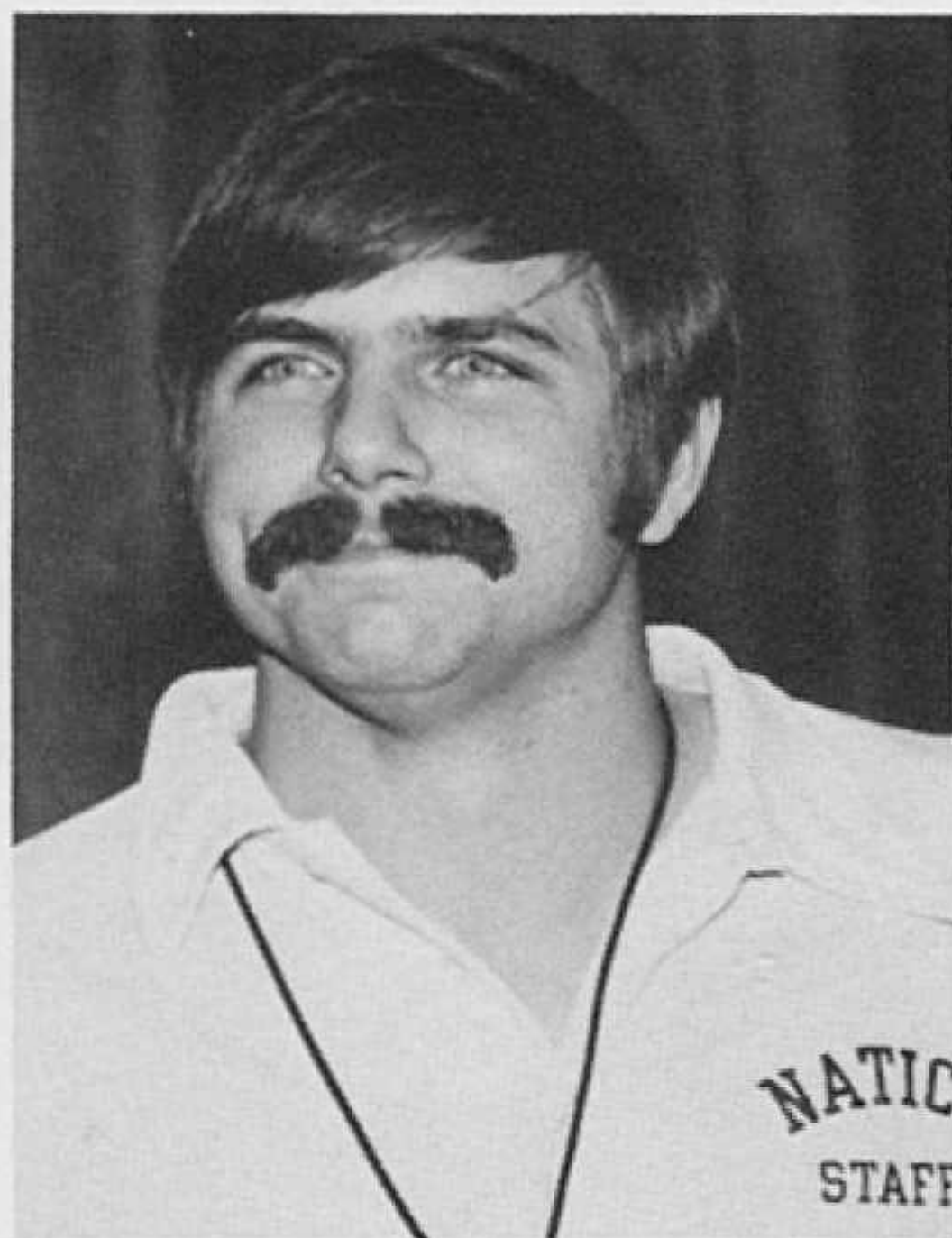
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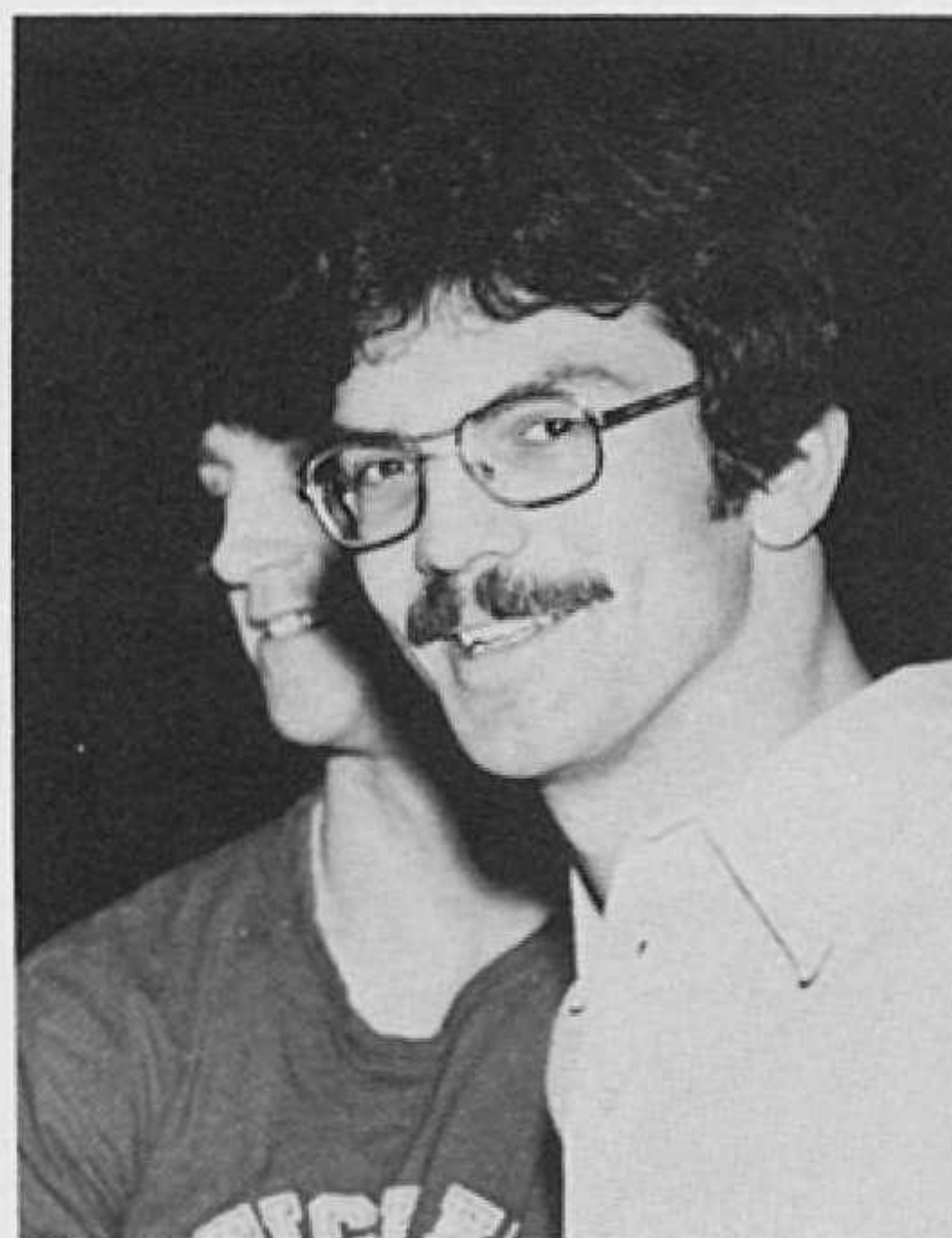
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Miss Grady



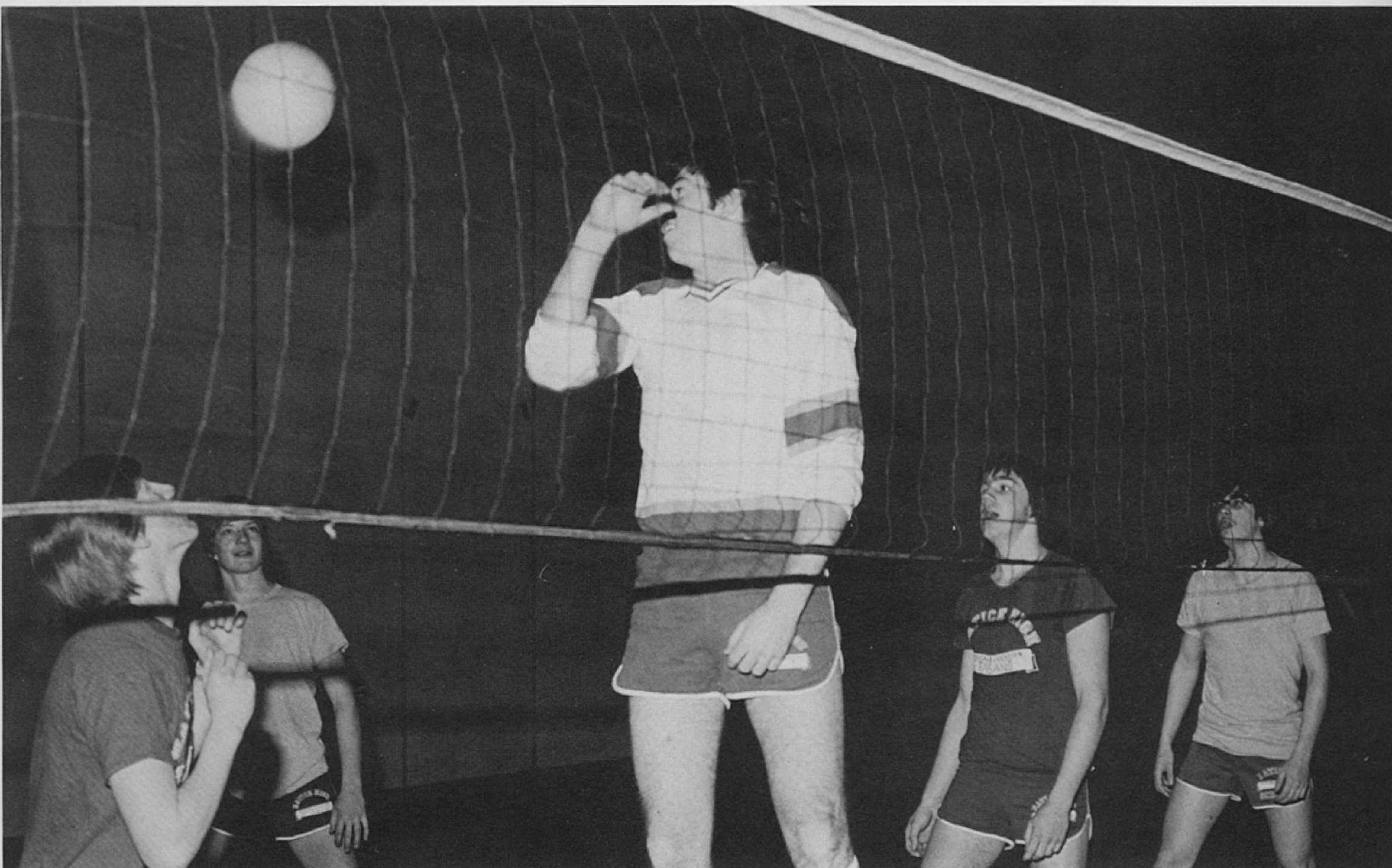
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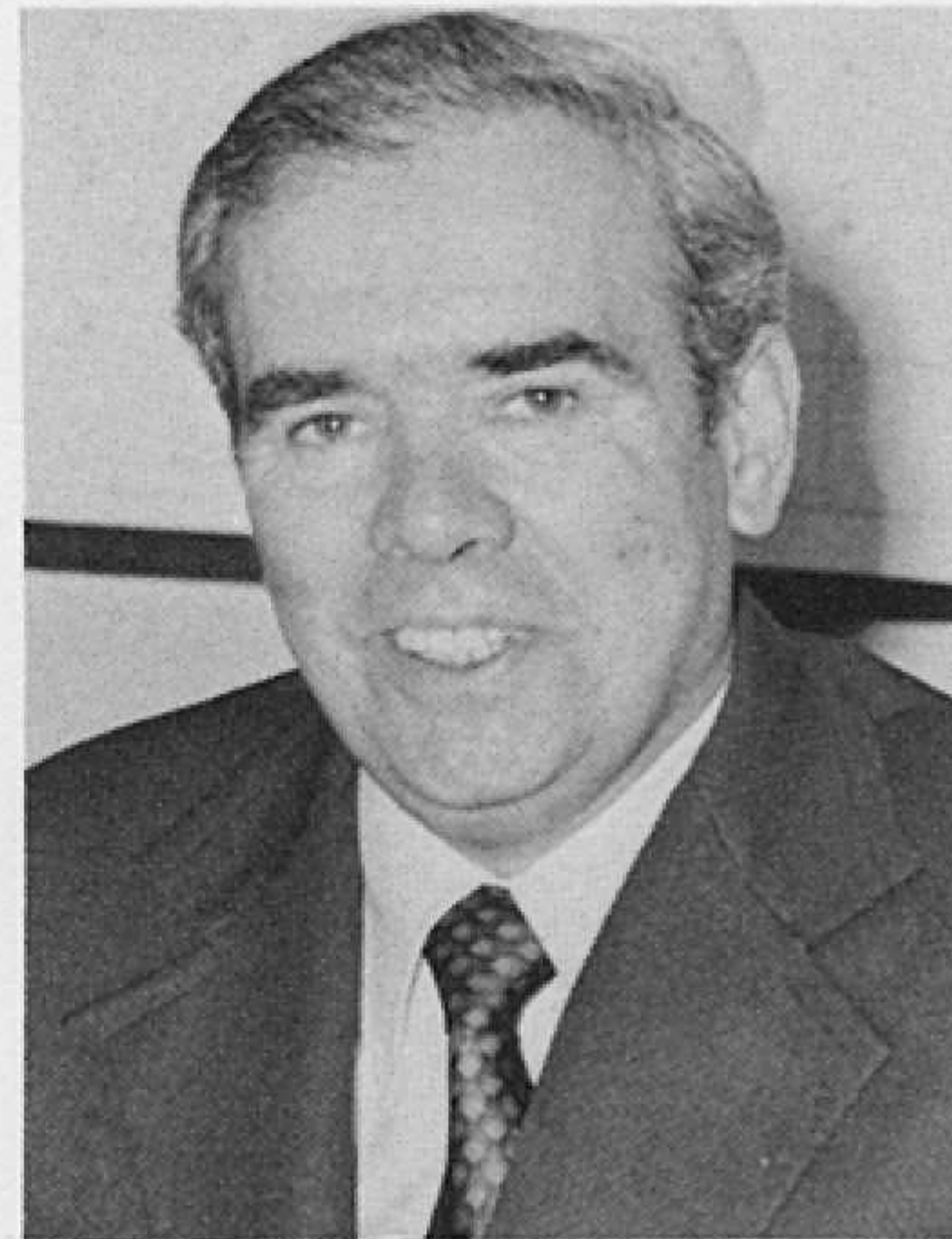
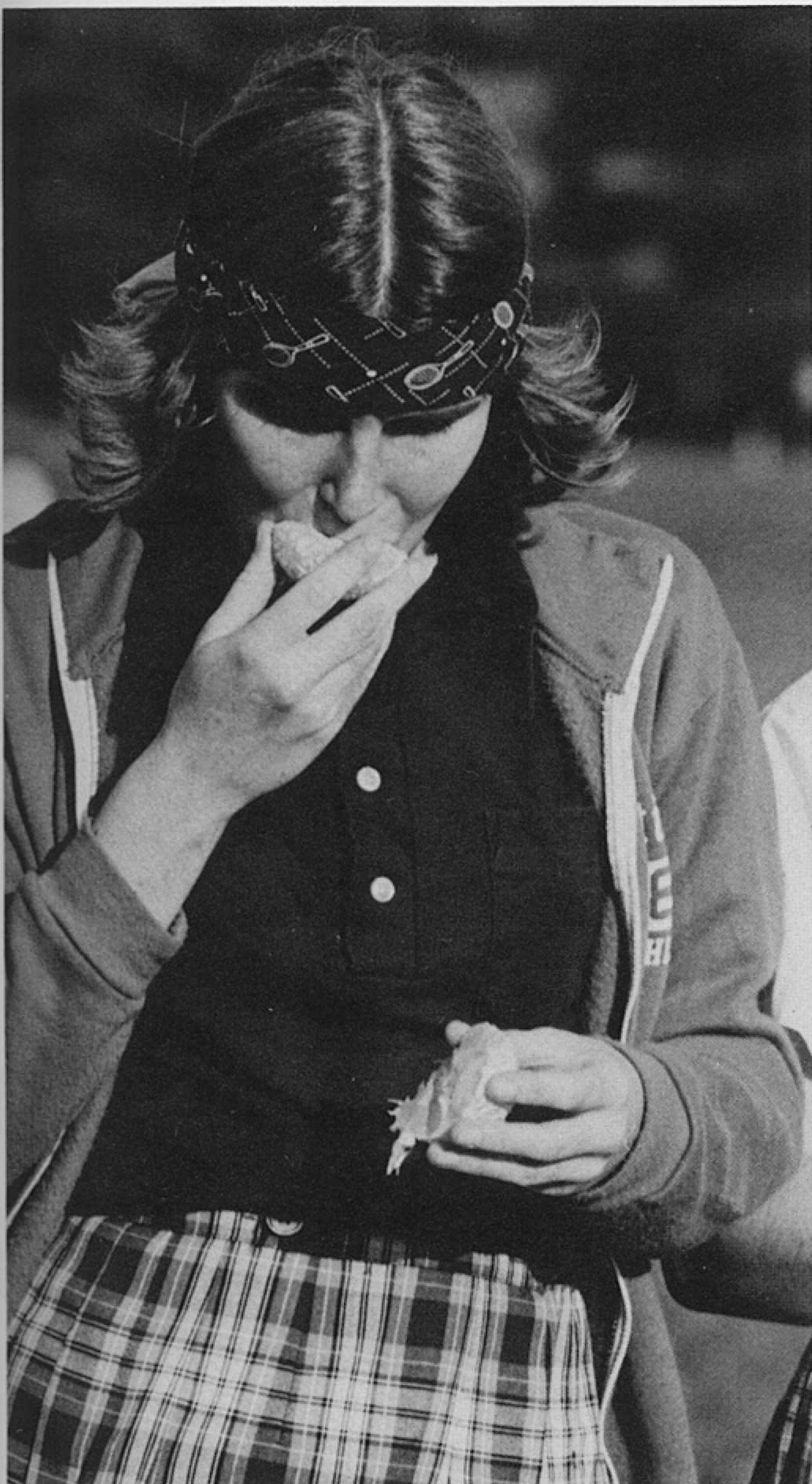


Mr. Barney



Mr. Leavitt





Mr. Carroll



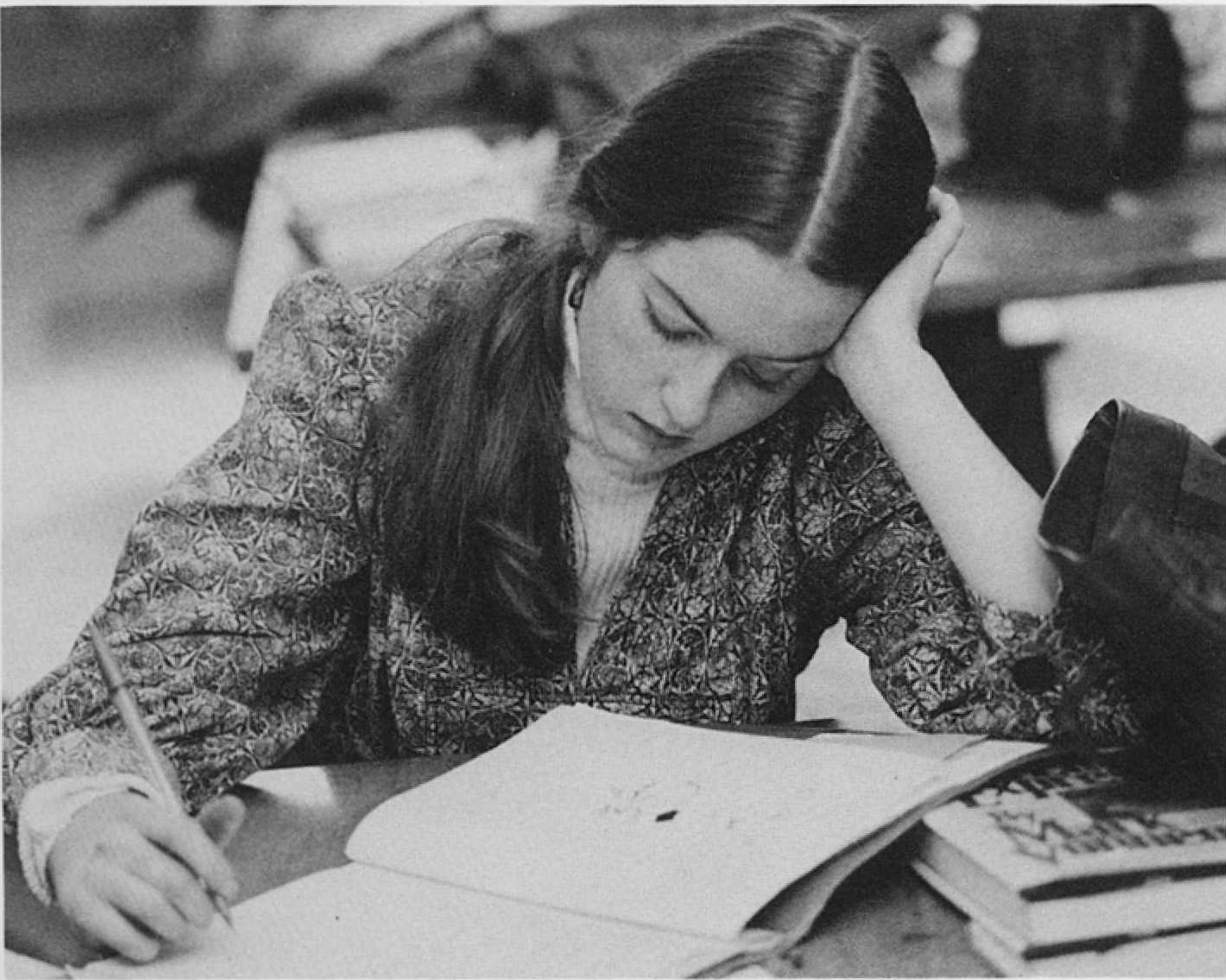
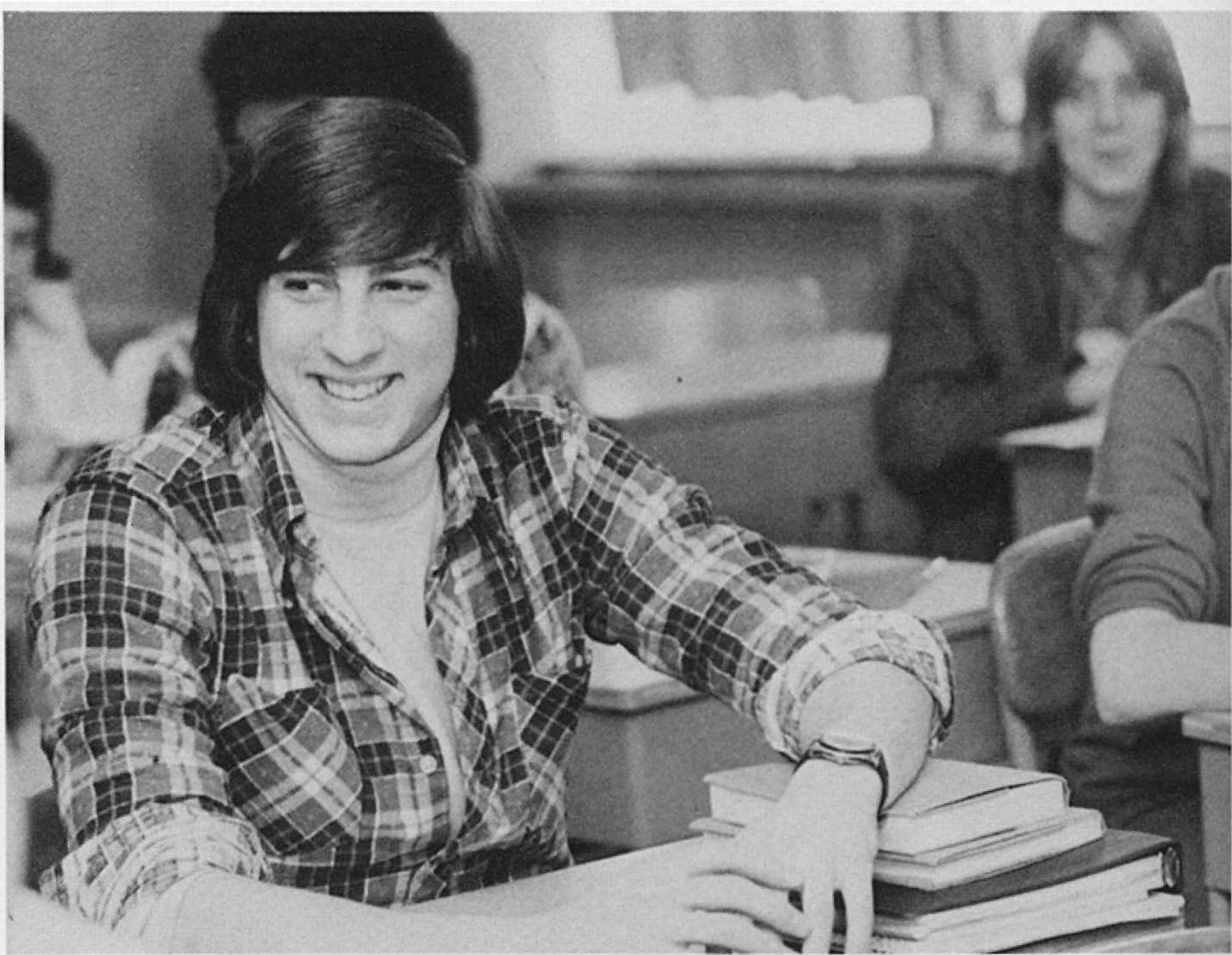
Mr. Whelan

Miss Beth Grady left June 11, 1976, for an Outward Bound tour. She took a course in "Project Adventure" in Maine. This was a one-month course ending in a survival course where she lived on an island for three days by herself. In order to pass, Miss Grady survived with only what nature provides.

Also, Mr. Brad Leavitt went to New Hampshire to take a "Project Adventure" course.

Mr. Robert Whelan was the president of the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation for 1975-1976. He represented Massachusetts at the National Convention in Milwaukee. The convention discussed ways of keeping the physical education activities and programs modern and up to date.

A big emphasis was on organizing co-educational classes during 1975-1976. Most all activities were open to junior and senior girls and boys. Next year sophomores will be involved in co-ed gym classes. Also, more emphasis was placed on the girls' weight toning program. More girls participated in this activity in the last two years, than ever before.



MATHEMATICS



Mr. Bransfield



Mr. Benson



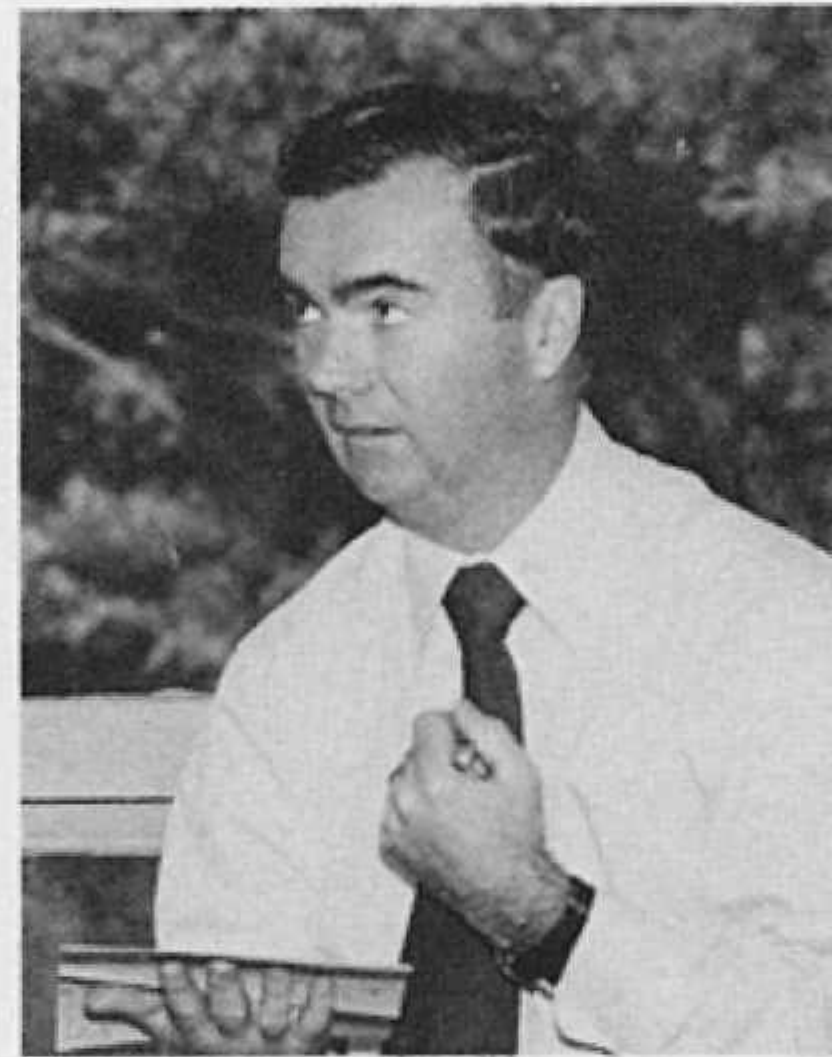
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Mr. Cooner



Miss Goulding



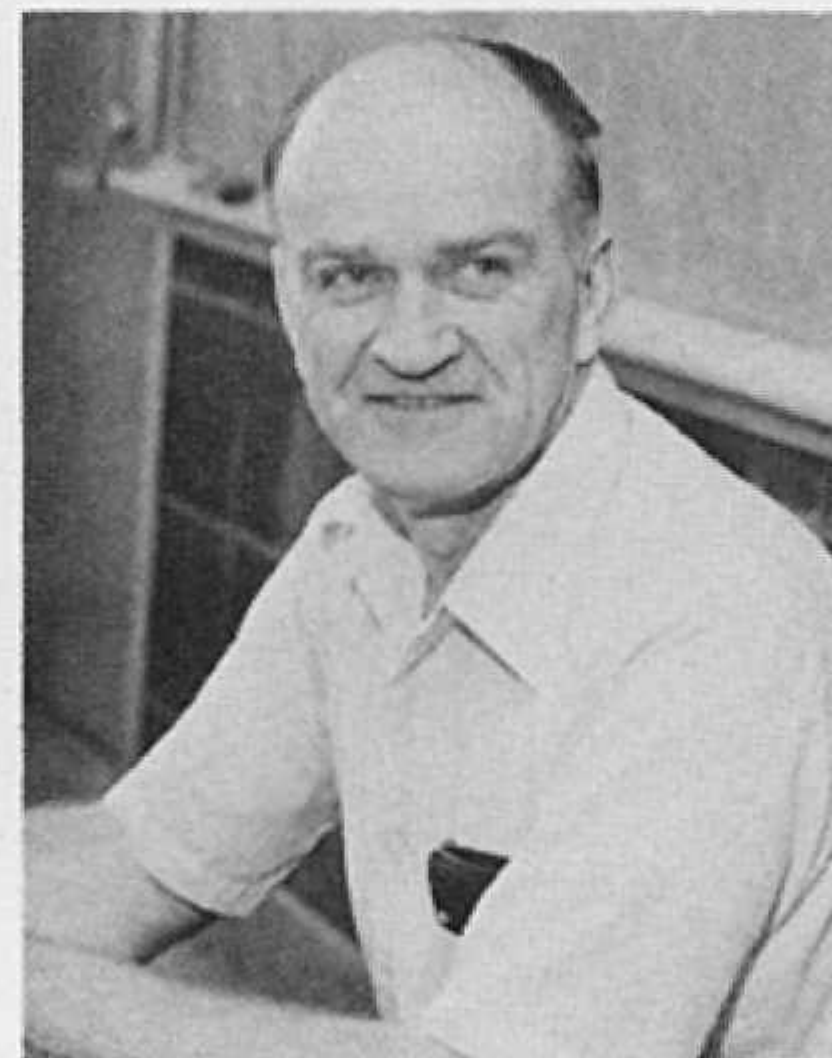
Mr. Kean



Mr. Lamb



Mr. Linsky



Mr. Maher



Mr. McGowan



Mr. Overlock



Mrs. Sheldon

This year the Math Department offered two new courses: Probability and Statistics and Integrated Math. Integrated Math is a combination of Algebra and Geometry. It is helpful to many students taking college board exams. Both of these courses are semesterized. Probability and Statistics students, working with Miss Goulding and Mr. Overlock, have been involved in how to recognize misleading statistics and how surveys are conducted. In the first case, five basic questions were employed; who, how, missing, change, and common sense. Students applied these questions to advertisements and articles of interest containing statistics and formed a note-book of critique. This created an awareness of statistics and hopefully was the basis of becoming a more intelligent consumer. In the second case, students worked on self-initiated survey projects in school, in the community, and at their place of employment in order to understand the fun, and frustration in the development of statistics.

SOCIAL STUDIES



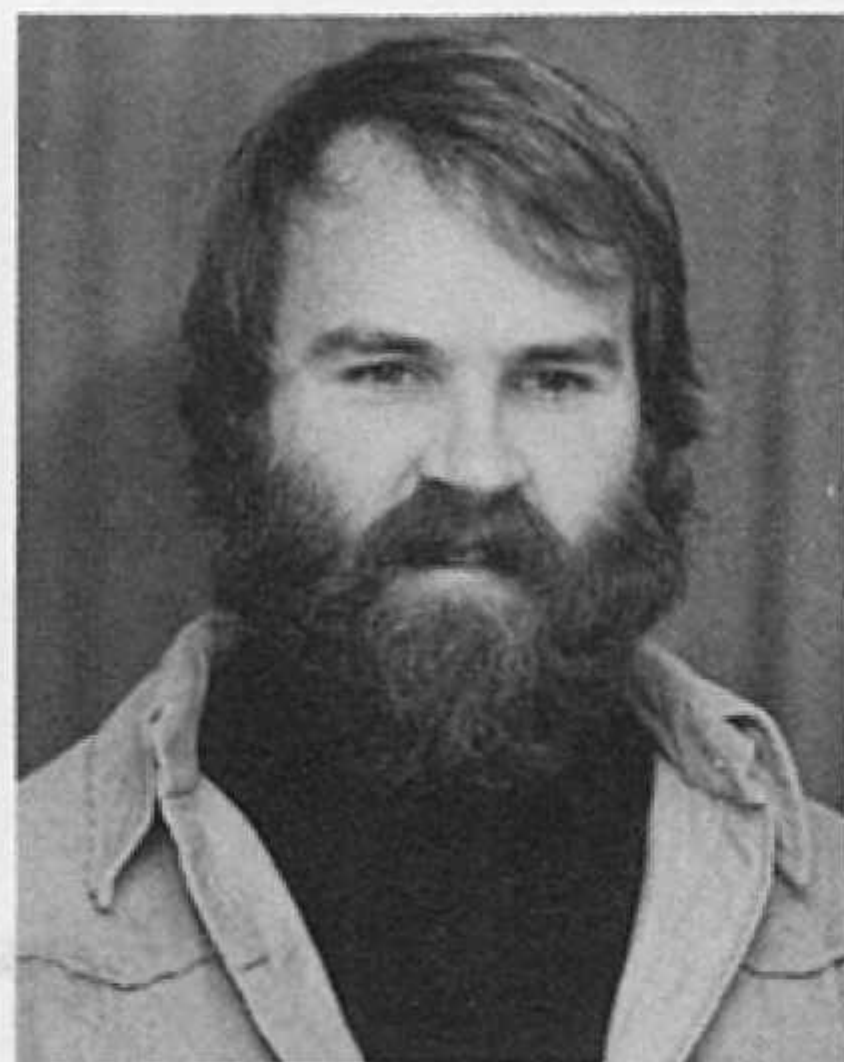
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Miss DiGiandomenico



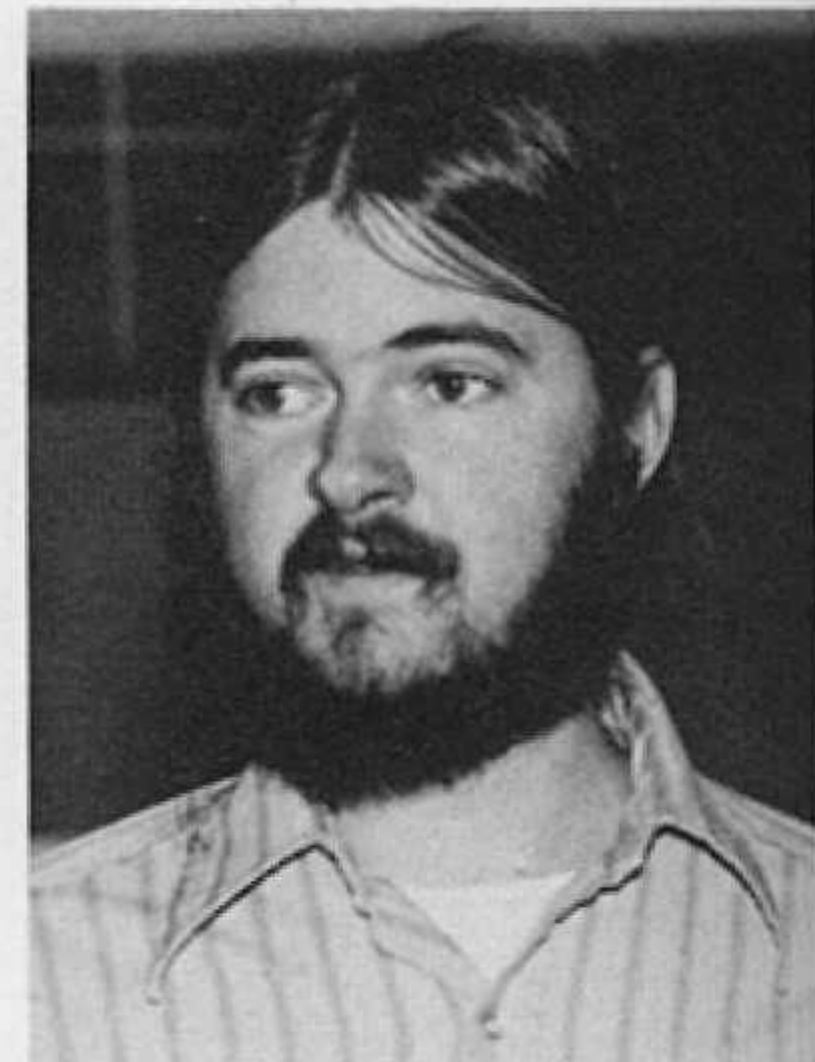
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Mrs. Flaherty



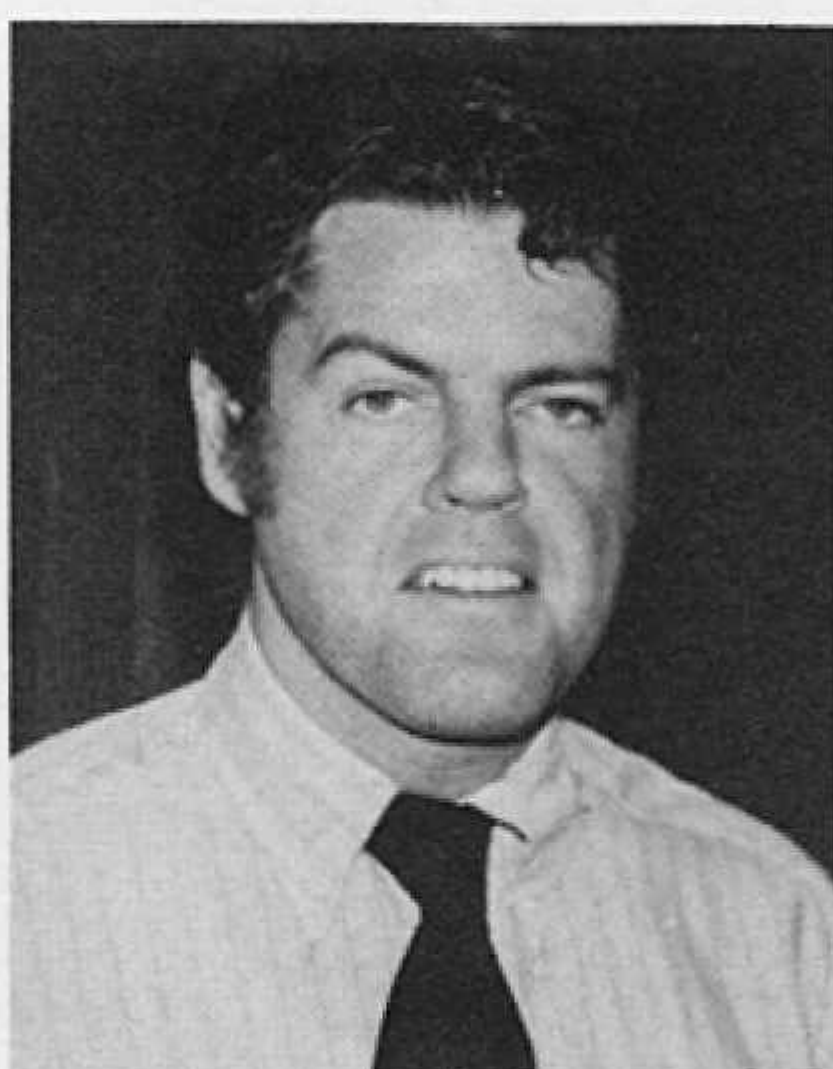
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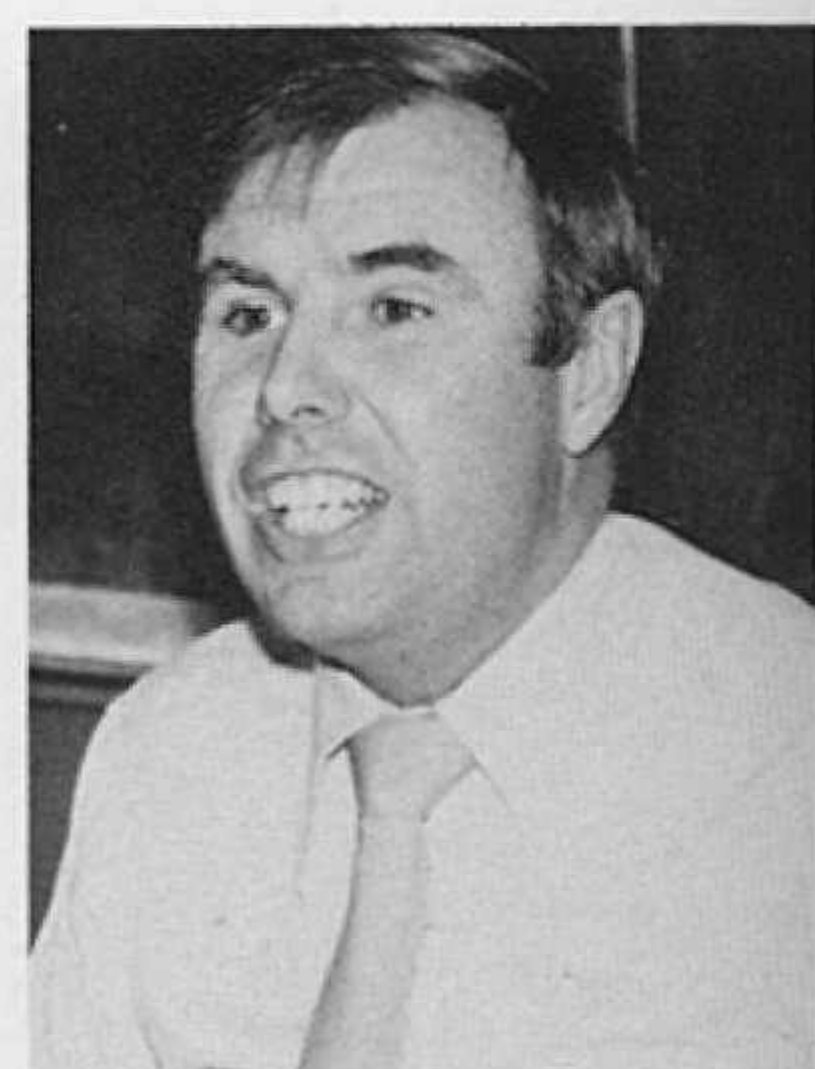
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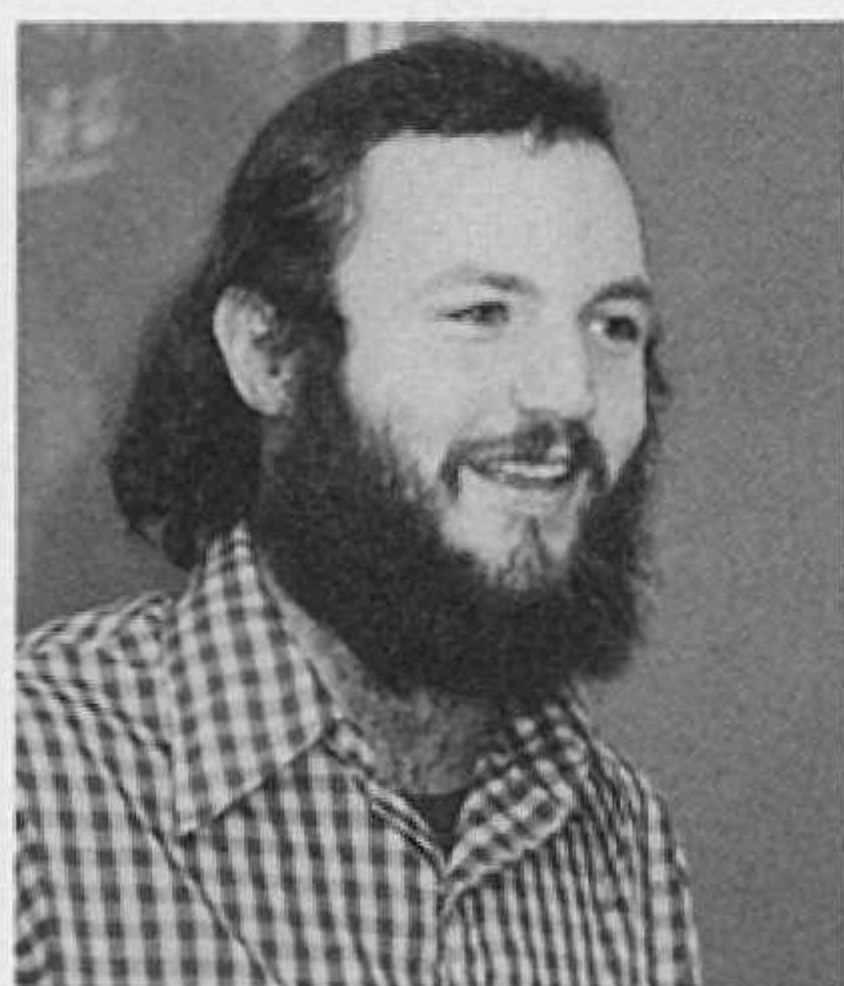
Mr. Lawrence



Mr. Morey



Mr. O'Conner



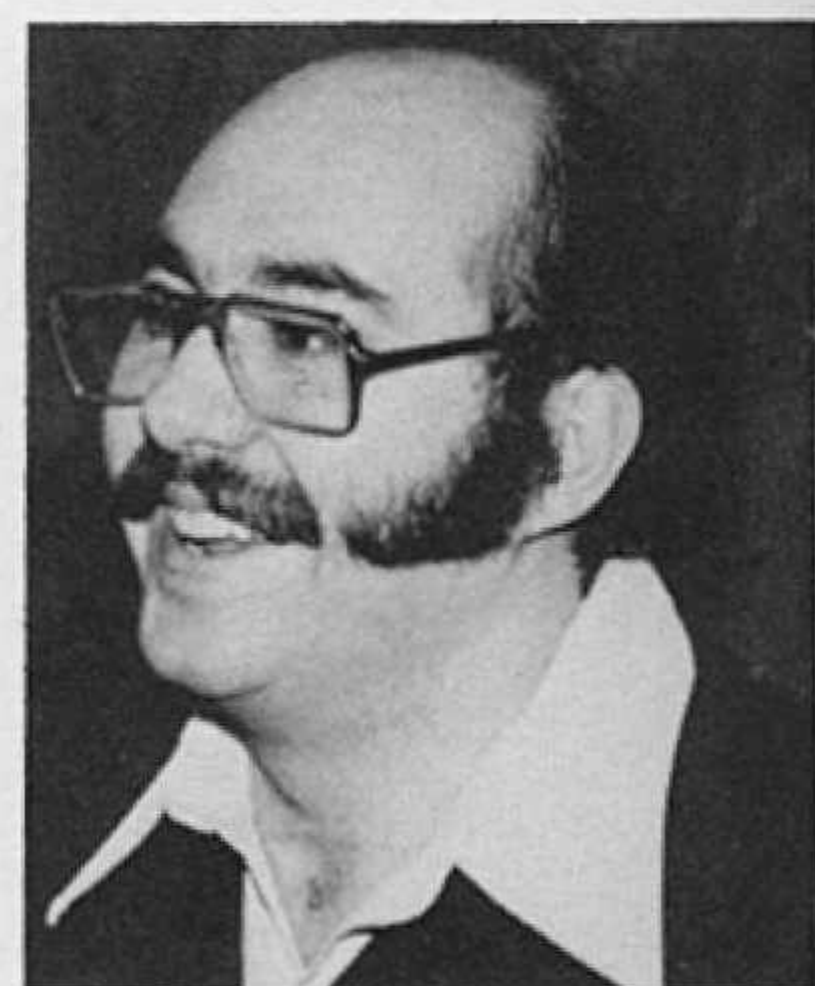
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Mrs. Tartakoff



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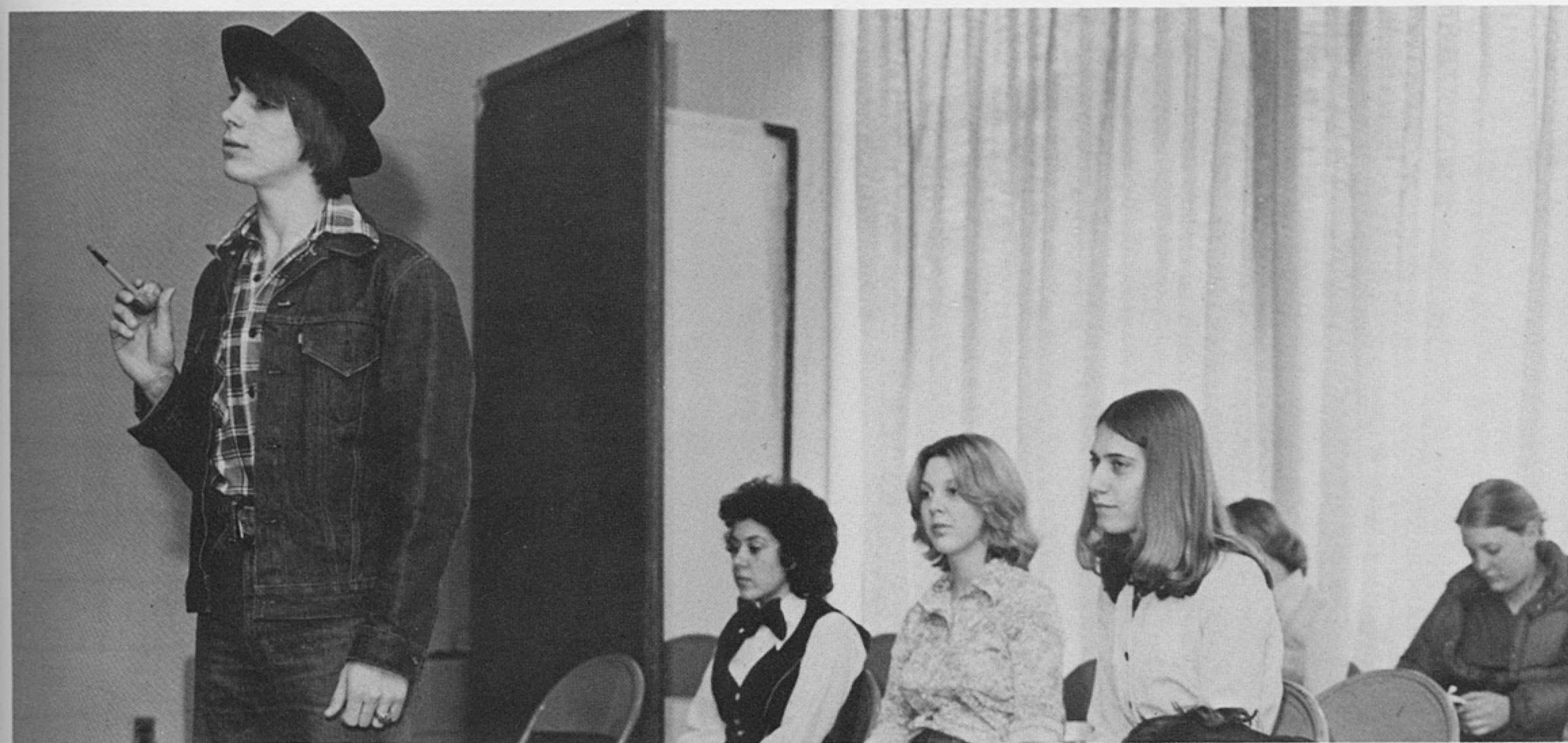


Mr. Zide





These pictures are taken from the play "Our Town", which is performed in the Humanities course every year. The students become very involved in the play; it is the one activity they all remember. The play is produced and directed by the students. Humanities is offered as both a Social Studies and English course. "Our Town" proves to be a great learning experience because it tells us to really look hard at life and appreciate what we have.



The department as a whole worked hard in providing relevant and topical programs that students could both enjoy and sink their mental teeth into. Response to such new classes as Women in History, The American Indian, Frontiers in American History, Revolutions, Comparative Religions, The Twenties and Thirties, and The Sixties according to Mrs. Ellen Robertson, department chairman, was excellent.

Social Studies also offered Sociology II and Psychology II as two new semester courses.

Out-of-school or at least out-of-classroom activities are a very real part of the teachers' role at NHS this year. Many of the department instructors double as football, golf, and baseball coaches; supervise student election endeavors; instruct political campaign moves; teach on-the-road Driver Education; advise the competitive speech program; and work directly with the school musicals and plays.

Again this year Candidates Day had approximately thirty students working on the various programs. And many of the Social Studies students are gearing up to work in the 1976 Presidential Election in the fall.

Many local and area community leaders and agencies worked with the department in conjunction with various classes providing expert commentary on the workings of town, state, and national government, programs, and institutions.

This year also saw Mr. Edward Culhane work in the capacity of Administrative Intern in the front office. His duties included all those of a regular vice-principal. He will return next year to teach International Relations and Modern Problems.

Ms. Virginia Tartakoff was also awarded a Sabbatical leave to work on her PHD at Boston College in 1976-1977.

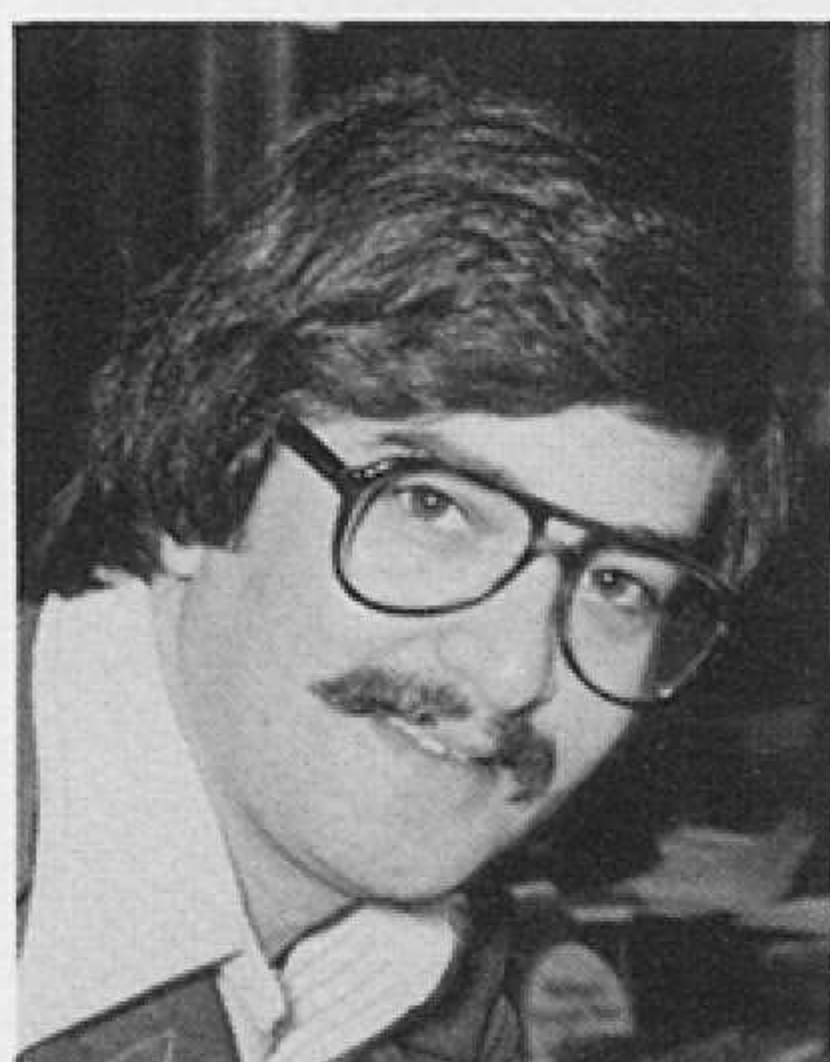
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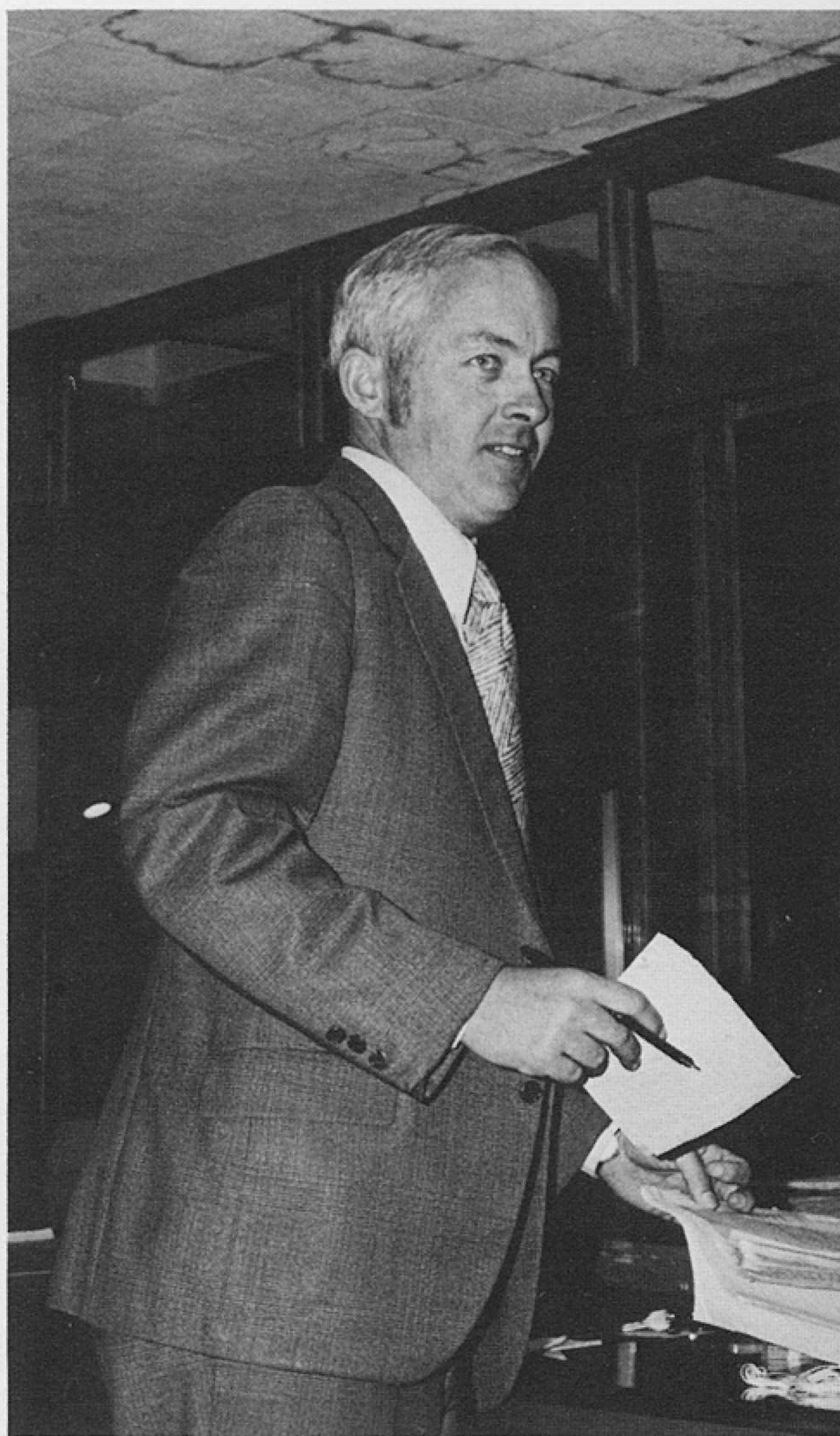


Mr. Albert



Miss Petro

Those not pictured but whose work is greatly appreciated are Mrs. Scanell, Mrs. Stuart, and Mrs. Jue.



NURSES



Mrs. Davis



Mrs. Gassett



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Miss Cashman



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Mr. Canavan



Mr. Panchuck



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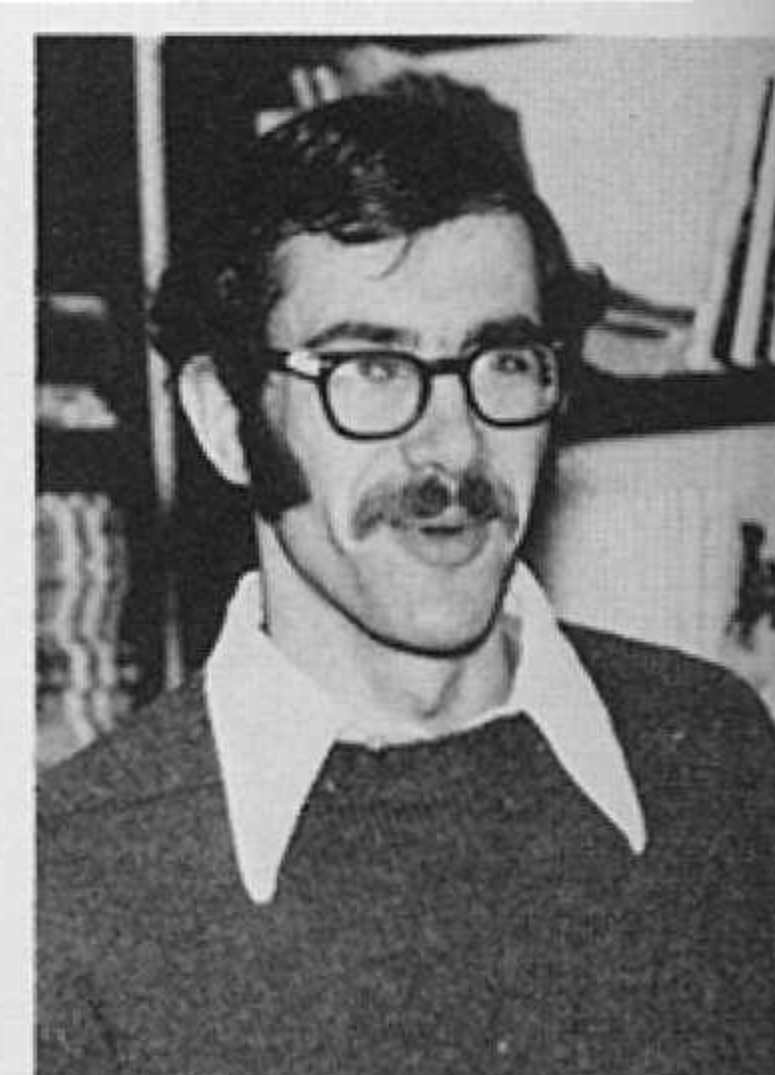
766 TEAM



Mr. Kells



Mr. Boyle



Mr. Brenneman



Mr. Christi



Miss Cordella



Mrs. Highman



Miss Parker



Mr. Rubenstein

Chapter 766 has opened a new door for students with special needs. At Natick High School, 766 works in a number of ways. One facet of the total special needs program is the multi-handicapped class. This particular program is co-ordinated and carried out by the special needs teacher, Miss Cordella.

The students in the program are of many varied learning aptitudes, as well as having more than one handicap. The program for these students is broken up into two different programs.

In the morning, these students are involved in doing their functional academics. They are developing their

daily living skills, personal hygiene skills, and independent living skills. They are also developing their functional reading and math skills.

After lunch, the students either go to workshop, or they are engaged in competitive employment. This afternoon component is an integral part of the total program. It is at this time that the students gain some independence and they develop vocational skills that will be helpful when they become productive members of society. Chapter 766 is truly a worthwhile and helpful program.



WALK - IN CENTER

One of the newest and biggest aspects at Natick High School these past few years is the Walk-In Center.

The Walk-In Center is designed mainly for the students in the school, but faculty and others are welcome. It's basically just a place to sit down and talk about whatever; problems, school, dreams, anxieties, etc. And the best thing about the Walk-In-Center is that everything is strictly confidential.

The Walk-In staff is made up of Enid Gilbert, Counselor; Sue Van der Kerkhove, Social Worker; and Phil Rubenstein, Psychologist. All of them are trained to help you. You want to talk? They want to listen!

If you're a little withdrawn about talking with an older person, the Walk-In Center also provides Peer Counselors who are also trained to help you.

So the next time you have a problem, or just the need to talk, stop by the Walk-In Center. You'll find it worth your while.

Dolores Trabucco



Mrs. Gilbert



Mrs. Van der Kerkhove

